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Red Army Smashes Its Way Towards Kharkov

VAIN NAZI ATTEMPTS TO CHECK ADVANCE

Another Big Soviet Offensive: Kerch Not Fallen

MOSCOW, May 15.

Marshal Timoshenko's forces have inflicted "another heavy defeat on the Germans in the Kharkov sector, recapturing a number of towns and villages including large centres of resistance", says the war correspondent of "The Red Star" to-day.

NAZIS ON THE RUN

MOSCOW: Although the Germans are racing in reserves and using them straight from their march up to the lines, they are unable to halt Marshal Timoshenko's men on the Kharkov front.

The "Izvestia" this morning says: "The gusto of the offensive is increasing", adding that the road of the German retreat is littered with corpses and many guns, tanks and other war material.

Yesterday the Nazis attempted to nip off the Soviet wedge in their lines by flank attacks, but this had been foreseen by the Soviet Staff and they had disposed forces so that they in their turn would come upon the enemy's flanks and threw back the Germans, taking many prisoners.

A large tank battle in another sector ended with the flight of the German tanks.

The weather tends to hamper land operations, but in air battles during the first two days of the offensive 23 enemy planes were brought down for the loss of three Soviet planes.

Many Prisoners Taken

Fresh official details of the three day old Rusian offensive reveal that the Russians have taken many prisoners which may be taken as a further indication of the speed of the Russian advance.

In the Kerch Peninsula General Kozlov, the Soviet Caucasian Commander-in-Chief, is resisting fiercely after five days continual pressure.

Red Army Smashes Its Way

FROM THE GERMAN FRONTIER: An Axis report says that powerful Russian armoured formations smashed their way across the Donetz River on a 35 mile front between Volchansk and Chuguyev.

Volchansk is a town about 30 miles northeast of Kharkov and Chuguyev is situated about 20 miles to the south-east of the big Ukraine city.

Some 200 miles south-east of the Kharkov sector, Axis reports declare, a new Russian attack has been launched at German positions at Pokrovsk, a town about 15 miles north of Taganrog. The reports claim that the Soviet attack was repulsed after bitter fighting.

Dealing with the fighting in the Kerch peninsula one Axis despatch asserts that a powerful motorised column advancing east of Marienthal reached the Kerch Straits.

Deep Penetration

LONDON: The Russian offensive in the Kharkov area is believed to be on a front about forty to fifty miles, but its scale is not known in authoritative quarters in London to-day. After breaking through the forward German positions, the Russians have apparently penetrated to a considerable depth. Although the Germans have thrown in reserves, the latest information is that they have not succeeded in holding up the Russian advance. The German army group in the area is under Field Marshal Theodore von Bock.

Although in the Kerch Peninsula the Russians have been driven back, the Germans have not won the great victory claimed. The Russians are inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans. The Germans apparently have not taken Kerch.

BATTLE OF KERCH

STOCKHOLM, May 15.

Stories about the fighting in the Kerch area now reaching Berlin, states the "Nya Dagligt Allehanda's" Berlin correspondent, stress the extraordinary strong Russian fortifications from the Sea of Azov to the Black Sea.

In the middle of battle it began to pour, it is stated, and roads were turned into bottomless pools of mud.

Ammunition and petrol had to be taken to the foremost positions by transport aeroplanes and the speed of the advance very much decreased. Soldiers were made to fight their way in mud up to the chest holding rifles over their heads.

The Russians made a strong stand and hand-to-hand fighting took place in various districts.—Reuter.

Soviet Advance Continues

MOSCOW: — A 'communique' states: "On the Kharkov front Soviet troops continue successful operations, and annihilated over 1,750 Germans."

IN KERCH

The Soviet midday 'communique' states: "During the night of may 14th stubborn fighting continued in the Kerch Peninsula. In the Kharkov direction our troops continued offensive operations.

On other sectors of the front nothing of importance took place."

A supplement to the Soviet midday 'communique' says: "In the Kharkov direction our troops continued offensive operations. One of our units annihilated over 1,500 Germans and captured 150 prisoners. The booty is being counted. Another unit annihilated 260 Germans and captured eight German guns and other military equipment. Soviet tank units operating on one of these sectors of the southern front made a surprise attack on a village occupied by the Germans.

KILLIN:—130 Germans and capturing much booty. They blew up an ammunition dump.

GERMANS' RETREAT

German Frontier:—An Axis dispatch from the Ukraine front says Marshal Timoshenko's offensive against Kharkov carried the Soviet troops across the Donetz river and seven miles westwards towards Kharkov. The same sources report that the Germans are "retreating slowly", while awaiting reinforcements, the arrival of which is said to be imminent

ATTACK ON SEVERAL SECTORS

Reuter's special correspondent writes Marshal Timoshenko's spearhead is pressing on, deepening the ever widening gap in the German defences on the Kharkov front. Stalin chose the first opportunity of reasonable ground and weather conditions to order Marshal Timoshenko's offensive against Kharkov. Unlike the German offensive on the Kerch Peninsula, which is on a front only 20 miles at the most, the Kharkov attack has been launched on a number of sectors with correspondingly greater chances of manoeuvre and strategic development.

WELL-PREPARED OFFENSIVE

The first Russian successes there, are far greater than those of the Germans in the Kerch front. All evidence shows that the Soviet offensive was quietly well prepared. The blow was struck suddenly and skilfully with armoured forces as battering ram. Soviet tanks smashed in from two sides and then moved on immediately in the manner of the German technique last summer. German troops which have been driven back by the weight of the Soviet blow panicked as the spearhead was followed up and fell back further.—Reuter.

Dr. Grady Sees Gandhiji

'Impressed By Mahatma's Philosophy Of Life'

Dr. Henry Grady, leader of the U. S. Technical Mission in India called upon Mahatma Gandhi on Friday. The interview which lasted about half an hour is described as a visit of courtesy and understanding.

Dr. Grady who had long cherished a desire to see Mahatmaji obtained from him a first hand account of Gandhiji's opinions regarding the war with particular reference to his philosophy of Non-Violence.

At the close of the interview Dr. Grady said that he was very much impressed with Gandhiji, his clear thinking and his philosophy of life as a whole.

Gandhiji's prayers in the evening continue to be well attended. Fromirent among those present on Friday were Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mr. K. M. Munshi and Dr. Jivraj Mehta.

CONGRESS WORKERS MEET MAHATMA

BOMBAY, May 15.

About 75 Congress workers from the city, suburbs, Gujerat and Maharashtra met Mahatma Gandhi at the Birla House today and had 90 minutes discussions with him.

Further substantial amounts were received by Mahatma Gandhi to-day toward the Andrews Memorial Fund.

GANDHIJI & WORKING COMMITTEE

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, May 15.

Serious differences that have arisen in the Congress High Command regarding methods of resisting aggression do not seem to have been reconciled even after the compromise on the war resolution passed by the A. I. C. C. at Allahabad.

It is now an open secret that Gandhiji is not happy about the Allahabad war resolution as some important parts in his original draft were dropped. It is further learnt that mere statement of non - violent non - co - operation against the aggressor does not satisfy Mahatma who it is believed insists on adopting a more precise programme on lines advocated in his recent "Harijan" articles.

It is further learnt that Gandhiji, Maulana Azad and Pt. Nehru do not see eye to eye regarding the "open door policy" for compromise with British Government.

It is suggested that the next meeting of the Working Committee might not be held unless and until Maulana Azad and Pt. Nehru meet Gandhiji and adjust the fundamental differences at present prevalent in the Working Committee.

It is argued that no useful purpose will be served by convening such a meeting unless the different view points in the Working Committee are reconciled and the Congress Cabinet is in a position to solve a common line of action.

In case such compromise is not brought about, it is not unlikely that the Gandhi group in the Working Committee may express its willingness to go to the background thus giving the Congress President a free hand to chalk-out the future programme of the Congress.

Mahatma Gandhi snapped while going for an evening walk with Maniben Patel, Miss Munshi and Sardar Patel.

EMERGENT SITUATION CALLS FOR UNITED ACTION

Rajaji Cites Hindu Joint Family System To Support His Stand: To Concede Right To Separate Is To Preserve Unity

MADRAS, May 15.

"Without arms, even without a stick, if we resolve, we can withstand any army. Only determination is required. What is the good of yielding to despair and defeatism"? asked Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar amidst applause inaugurating the Y. M. I. A. lecture front at Mylapore this evening.

Mr. Rajagopalachariar spoke on Indian unity. He said: "Our danger is very urgent. We have to act now. That is why I am fighting That is why I am fighting with my colleagues in the evening of my life."

PROBLEM OF UNITY

He said till recently unity of India was a thing to be worshipped. But to-day when they actually wanted unity they saw the problem bristling with difficulties. It was necessary to face those difficulties and solve them now. It was one thing to face opinion and another to face fact. The consciousness of Muslims today, whatever the reason of it might be, was a fact which must be recognised. This was not an opinion, but a fact. They had to meet a state of mind which required no argument, but a different method of approach. To-day the Muslim feeling was that they were different from Hindus. The question was a vital one.

THEN AND NOW

Years ago the Indian National Congress was a very important political organisation. It was not only the Premier organisation, but it was the only important organisation. At that time there was no question of Hindus or Muslims differing from the other. Gradually the Muslim League had built itself up. It was claimed that it represented the political consciousness of Muslims. It believed it could alone speak for the Muslims in politics. Gradually and subconsciously they had been isolating from Muslims. So they must realise that the Muslim feeling was a fact and not content themselves with arguing and trying to convince.

WAY TO UNITY

Proceeding he said dismemberment, as they might call it, was the way to unity. He instanced the example of the Hindu undivided joint family and said the best protection for a member of the Hindu joint family was the liberty to separate when he liked. This liberty to separate had maintained and preserved the Hindu joint family system even to-day. What applied to joint family applied with double force to the condition of relationship between Hindus and Muslims. When Muslims insisted on their right of separation, we had no business to say that it was an outrageous thing. Muslims who formed the predominant part of the population in any tract of the country were entitled to ask that they should rule themselves.

"PAN-ISLAM" BUNK

What he wanted the Congress to do was to concede the principle of separation to Muslims in any distinct area with predominantly Muslim population. They could not prevent them, they could not force them against separation. There are tracts in the extreme north-east and extreme north-west which could be claimed to be predominantly Muslim. It was only in those places the question of separation could arise. They must look at Muslims as one of the members of an undivided joint Hindu family. To maintain unity was to accept the right of separation.

He also instanced the statute of Westminster which recognised the principle of secession and this had maintained the unity of the Empire, he said. It was all absurd and nonsense to talk that Muslims after separa-

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Soviet Scores On Kharkov Front

LONDON, May 15.

The capture of several inhabited localities and strategically important Heights on the Kharkov Front is announced by the Moscow radio.—Reuter.

CHINESE ADVANCE TOWARDS MYITKYINA

CHUNGKING, May 15.

While Chinese advance guards are within 25 miles of Myitkyina a second Chinese column is within striking distance of Wanting. Chinese columns in the Japanese rear are reported to be meeting with little opposition in their advance. Chinese military authorities here are confident that the situation in Yunnan has been stabilised.

COUNTER-OFFENSIVE IN BURMA?

CHUNGKING: With Chinese advance guards within 25 miles of Myitkyina, a Chinese counter-offensive in Burma is expected here to start at any moment.—Reuter.

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Chinese Resistance In Burma Continues

U. S. BOMBERS ATTACK MYITKYINA AGAIN

British Forces Extricated From Jap Encirclement

LONDON, May 15.

In Burma there are still some Chinese fighting in the neighbourhood of Maymyo and north-west of it, authoritative quarters in London stated to-day.

To the north-east the Japanese are in two columns, one, it is believed, going towards Paoshan and the other towards Myitkyina.

U. S. BOMBERS RAID MYITKYINA AGAIN

NEW DELHI, May 15.

The following "communique" has been issued by the Headquarters, Tenth United States Air Force:—

"United States Army Bombers of General Brereton's Command again carried the war to the Japanese yesterday when they made their second daylight raid in as many days on the Japanese held aerodrome at Myitkyina in Northern Burma. Hits were scored on aeroplanes, runway and buildings. All the aeroplanes returned".

British Troops Escape Jap Encirclement

Our forces in Burma, it can now be stated, have succeeded in extricating themselves from the undoubtedly dangerous situation which developed following the success of the Japanese thrust against Lashio at a time when there was continued heavy pressure by reinforced enemy units advancing from southern Burma and also the threat of a thrust northwestward up the Chindwin.

These developments, it is pointed out put our forces at that time in a precarious forward salient, from which they have successfully withdrawn to a more secure area. We have thus succeeded in forestalling the threat of Japanese forces interposing between the Indian border and our forces in Burma.

A MILITARY FEAT

The withdrawal is regarded as a considerable military feat brought off by General Alexander through country practically without communication at all across unbridged rivers and during the last few days through heavy thunderstorms which have broken out in Zaimhe area.

Nevertheless by good management the retirement from that forward salient has been carried out deliberately and our forces have also managed to gain the time effectively to destroy any heavy equipment which they were forced to abandon owing to difficulties of transportation.

The operation placed a heavy strain on our troops, British, Indian and Burman, but they carried it through with the same great spirit as they have shown throughout the magnificent fight all through the campaign under disheartening circumstances.

WITHDRAWAL FROM AKYAB.

Details are now available of our withdrawal from Akyab in the first week of May achieved in the same orderly manner, after we had evacuated Indian and other personnel from there. The last people to leave were a small number of garrison troops who had been left to carry out demolitions with a detachment of British and Indian heavy and light anti-aircraft gunners.

In the last few days, they were subjected to some heavy air attack by the Japanese, and the anti-aircraft gunners did well, accounting for five enemy aircraft for certain and probably a good many others. These units carried out a deliberate evacuation by sea and arrived safe in India complete with all their arms and equipment. The main jetty petrol ammunition and irremovable military stores were completely destroyed.

In the disturbed conditions that preceded the evacuation, the Japanese attempted to instigate Thakin bands in the jungle country to terrorise villages. A Burman official played a magnificent part in checking these marauding bands. With some armed police he went out and dealt with a good many of the bands effectively, but in one of the encounters he was himself mortally wounded—A. P.

Japs Advancing Along Salween River

Chinese May Launch Counter-Attack In Lashio Sector

CHUNGKING, May 15.

Fighting is in progress at Tengchung, 37 miles west of the Salween River which has been reached by a Japanese column, says a Chinese communique last night.

Another Japanese column reached Hungmushu along the west bank of the river yesterday morning after suffering heavy casualties as a result of Chinese resistance.

The Japanese will be unable to invade Yunnan province on a considerable scale unless they bring up fresh reinforcements, a Chinese military spokesman here said yesterday afternoon.

On the Salween front they have at present only two regiments, he added.

He hinted at the possibility of the Chinese counter-attacking, especially against the Japanese column based on Lashio.—Reuter.

BARGES ON CHINDWIN RIVER BOMBED

NEW DELHI, May 15.

Yesterday bombers of the Royal Air Force continued their attacks against enemy river transport. Barges on the Chindwin river were successfully bombed and machine-gunned. Two barges received hits and were left in flames, and several others are believed to have been damaged.—A. P.

KARAKA BACK FROM CHUNGKING

CALCUTTA, May 15.

Mr. D F. Karaka, an Indian journalist who visited Chungking under a facility offered by Sir Alwyn Ezra, returned to India today after remaining in the Chinese Capital for just over one month.

Mr. Karaka told the Associated Press that Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek had accepted with thanks a donation of £500 sent through him by Sir Alwyn Ezra and she was utilising the amount for the relief of Chinese war orphans.

Asked what had impressed him most during his visit, Mr. Karaka said: "Undoubtedly, the amazing spirit of the Chinese people. The morale of Chungking is beyond all expectations. I would say this that if Indian people could, under similar circumstances, retain such a morale, nothing more could be desired."

The Chinese will to victory, he added, is so indomitable that nothing that the Japanese do ever affects their outlook.—A. P.

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NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy numbered 172050 on the life of EDALJI BHIKAJI GHASVALA of Bombay, a fresh policy in lieu thereof will be issued unless objection is lodged with the Company within one month from this date.

Bombay 16th May, 1942.
E. E. ALLUM,
Manager. (16221)

INDIAN MERCANTILE MARINE

TRAINING SHIP "DUFFERIN"

APPLICATIONS for admission to the Executive and Engineering Courses, commencing on January 10, 1943 are invited from candidates between 13 years 8 months and 16 years of age on 15th January, 1943, so as to reach the undersigned by the 15th SEPTEMBER, 1942 at the latest.

The public Qualifying Examination will take place at various centres in India from 2nd to 4th November, 1942. The successful candidates will be interviewed by the Governing Body in Bombay in January, 1943.

The successful applicants must produce their last school transfer certificates within one month of joining.

The illustrated prospectus, containing the application form, specimen examination papers, etc., may be had from the undersigned on prepayment of annas 12|- by Money Order only, and also from the Manager of Publications, Civil Lines, Delhi.

SECRETARY,
Governing Body,
I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin",
Mazgaon Pier, Bombay 10. (8301)

Public Notices

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE

SUPPLY OF FRACTURE EQUIPMENTS

TENDER No. 65A. The Central Contracts Officer, Office of the Director General, Indian Medical Service, New Delhi, invites tenders for the supply of the following articles.

1. Splinting wire, (Cramer's) 100 cm x 10 cm.
2. Splinting wire, (Cramer's) 60 cm x 8 cm.
3. Splint Knee (Thomas) 25".
4. -Do- -Do- 23".
5. -Do- -Do- 21".
6. Splint Knee (Thomas) Flexible piece (Pearson's) for.
7. Splint Knee (Thomas) footpiece for.
8. Splint Knee (Thomas) suspension bar for.
9. Steel, Malleable, for use with plaster casts 25" x 1½" x 1|8".

TENDERS forms giving details of the articles required packing and complete particulars of delivery can be had on payment from the office of the Central Contracts Officer, Office of the Director General, Indian Medical Service. The price of tender is Rs. 2|- per set and is not refundable and forms are not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or by money order only to the Central Contracts Officer, Office of the Director General, I.M.S., New Delhi. Tender No.... and remitter's full address should be stated on the coupon. Tenders will be received up to 4 P.M. on 5-6-42.

Offers to remain open for 21 days from the date of the tender.

Tenders can also be had from the D.A.D.G., (M.S.) M.S.D., Lahore-Cantt., Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, on payment of the prescribed fee. (8431)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

I.S.D. INSPECTION CIRCLE DEFENCE DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY

APPLICATIONS are invited IMMEDIATELY for temporary posts of:—

A. EXAMINERS OF STORES (Mechanical).
B. EXAMINERS OF STORES (Structural).

Candidates should have had a general education and sound knowledge of fundamentals of Engineering theory and design. They should have served apprenticeship or received practical training for 3 years in an Engineering Workshop of repute engaged in general engineering and should either (a) have had further practical Mechanical Structural experience for not less than 2 years or (b) have a Mechanical Structural degree or equivalent diploma. Muslims preferred. Pay Rs. 150-200 according to qualifications.

C. SUPERVISORS OF STORES (Mechanical) for Muslims only.
D. SUPERVISORS OF STORES (Structural) for Muslims only.

Candidates must have had good general education and must have served an apprenticeship or received practical training of not less than one year in an Engineering Workshop and in addition should either (a) have had further practical Mechanical Structural engineering experience of one year or (b) have a degree or recognised diploma in Civil Mechanical Engineering. Pay Rs. 90-120 according to qualifications.

Application forms obtainable on payment of Re. 1|- in cash or by M. O. only. Name and full address of the applicant should be written in Block Capitals on Money Order Coupon. No postage stamps will be accepted.

CONTROLLER OF INSPECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

THE NEW SESSION of the Department will commence on the 20th June, 1942. Twelve students will be admitted to the B. Sc. (Tech.) course in textile chemistry and 10 in chemical engineering.

Applications for admission must be made on the prescribed form so as to reach the Head of the Department not later than the 6th June. A form of application, together with a prospectus containing detailed information, may be obtained from the Department on payment of Re. 1|- in cash or BY MONEY ORDER ONLY.

K. VENKATARAMAN,
Head of Department.
14th May, 1942. 8433

TENDER NOTICE

THE CONTROLLER of Supplies (Purchase Branch) Shahibag House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay invites tenders for the stores detailed below:—

Rivets Copper Hose (Tinned or untinned) of sizes ..... 41,080 lbs
Tender No. P|MP|33504|8E|2077.

Price of tender forms, etc. is Rs. 10|- per set and is not refundable. Payment should be made in cash or by Money Order only quoting tender number and remitter's full address.

Tenders will be received upto 4 p.m. 20-5-42 and opened at 12 noon on 21-5-42. 8440

Public Notices

SCHOOL OF RADIO-PHYSICS & ELECTRONICS,

SIR PARASHURAMBHAU COLLEGE, Poona 2, provides Wireless Telegraphy and Radio Servicing Courses for Matriculates, Radio Engineering Course for B. E.'s and B. Sc.'s and M. Sc. (Wireless Bom.) for B. Sc's. Last date for receipt of applications, 20th June. Prospectus can be had by sending Four Annas in stamps. 8342

WANTED

A CLERK on Rs. 90-5-140 and a steno-typist on Rs. 50|5|2-90 (with shorthand allowance as admissible under the rules). Appointments will be temporary for the duration of the war. Apply to the Deputy Secretary to Government, P.W.D. Secretariat, Bombay. (8444)

NATIONAL INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Head Office:— National Insurance Building
7, Council House Street, Calcutta

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a MEETING of Life Policyholders of the Company for the election of Three Directors under Section 48 of the Insurance Act 1938 will be held at the Head Office of the Company at 4 p.m. on THURSDAY, the 27th August, 1942. Persons holding policies of life assurance issued by the Company and having been in force at the time of the election for not less than six months shall be eligible to vote.

Every policyholder who desires to attend the meeting is required to apply to the Company for a certificate of admission. Such application is to reach the Company not less than 2 months before the date of the meeting, and the Company on being satisfied that the applicant holds a policy of life insurance issued by the Company not less than six months before the date of election shall issue a certificate at least one month before the date of the meeting. Such certificate shall, if applied for by post, be sent only to the address of the policyholder, or if applied for in person, be delivered only on production of the relevant policy and shall be accompanied by the names and addresses of the eligible persons prepared to accept office whose applications have been received under the Rules. Certificates must be produced in order to obtain admission to the meeting.

Applications in writing in English or Bengali language from eligible persons prepared to accept such office are invited by Registered post so as to reach the Head Office of the Company not less than 2 months before the date of the meeting, giving their names and addresses and the numbers of and amounts of the sums insured by the policies by virtue of which they claim to be eligible for election.

PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION AS A POLICYHOLDERS' DIRECTOR

Any person is eligible for election if he is the holder otherwise than by way of Assignment of one or more policies of Life Assurance issued by the Company satisfying the following requirements:—

(a) Policies insuring a total sum including any bonuses attached before the date of election of not less than Rs. 3000|- or annuity on human life of a total amount of not less than Rs. 250|- per annum. and
(b) having been in force for not less than three years.

Provided that the assignment of a policy to the person who took out the policy shall not disqualify that person from being eligible for election as a director.

By order of the Board of Directors,
K. M. NAIK,
Manager.
11th May, 1942. 8442

BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Wanted *Canal Telegraph and Telephone Inspector* in Sind. Pay.—Rs. 180-10-220-15-295 (for a pensioner, fixed pay of Rs. 180/-). No age limit. *Qualifications.*—Cambridge School Certificate, Matriculation Certificate, "Final Passing Out Certificate" of I.M.M.T.S., "Dufferin", or Diploma in Electrical Engineering of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay, the N. E. D. Engineering College, Karachi, or the College of Engineering, Poona. Candidates should be past or present employees of the Telegraph Department, who have passed the prescribed departmental examinations and have at least 10 years' service, with working knowledge and good practical experience of telegraphy and telephony. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary to the Commission, P. W. D. Secretariat, Bombay. Last date for receipt of applications in the printed prescribed form (which will be supplied on receipt of an addressed (large) envelope with postage stamps of 2 1/2 annas and one rupee only in cash or by an *uncrossed* Indian Postal Order in favour of the "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission") *13th June, 1942.* (8399).

Public Notices

G.I.P. RAILWAY

SPECIAL NOTICE

THE PUBLIC ARE INFORMED that the issue of first and second class local, 'through' and 'two route' season tickets at reduced rates to wives and unmarried daughters of first and second class season ticket holders WILL BE DISCONTINUED WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST JUNE, 1942. The season tickets issued on or before 31st May, 1942, must be surrendered on the date of expiry at stations of issue when the refund of deposit will be arranged. (8445)

H. P. T. COLLEGE, NASIK

THE COLLEGE opens on the 20th June. It teaches Honours Courses for B. A. in English, Sanskrit, Marathi and Economics and Pass Courses in Philosophy, History, Mathematics and Gujarati. Sanskrit, Persian, French, Latin and Ardha-Magadhi are taught in F. Y. A. and I. A. Classes. The Hostels for boys and girls occupy ideal surroundings. Special arrangements are made for boating and swimming on the premises of the College.

T. A. KULKARNI,
Principal. 8382

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Succession Certificate in respect of certain debts and securities belonging to BHALCHANDRA PANDURANG SAMANT alias BALCHANDRA PANDURANG SAMANT alias BALCHANDER PANDURANG SAMANT alias BHALCHANDRA P. SAMANT, late of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Mathew Road, without the Fort of Bombay and carrying on business at the time of his death under the name and style of Messrs. B. P. Samant & Co., Messrs. Peerless Pictures and Messrs. Peerless Publicity Co. at Charni Road without the Fort of Bombay ..... Deceased

Bai USHABAI, widow of Bhalchandra Pandurang Samant, of Bombay Hindu inhabitant, residing at Kennedy Bridge without the Fort of Bombay .....Petitioner

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Succession Certificate to the Petitioner.

Witness Sir ROBERT STONE-HOUSE BROOMFIELD, Knight, Acting Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-two and in the Sixth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

G. G. MAHADEVIA,
For Prothonotary & Senior Master.

A. H. KIRTIKAR

The 15th day of May, 1942.
Messrs. KHUNDERAO LAW & CO.,
Petitioner's Attorneys. 8455

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

TESTAMENTARY & INTESTATE JURISDICTION

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of DHARAMSEY BHAGWANJI, late of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, Landlord, resided at Chira Bazar, without the Fort of Bombay .. Deceased.

MOTIBAI, widow of Dharamsey Bhagwanji of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Matubai Bhawan, Gazdar Park, Chira Bazaar, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

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Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) A. KIRTIKAR
For Prothonotary and Senior Master.

(Sd.) A. KIRTIKAR

The 11th day of May, 1942.
Messrs. MULLA AND MULLA,
Petitioner's Attorneys. (8447)

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Legal Notices

PROCLAMATION OF SALE BY SHERIFF OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 460 of 1938

(1) SIR DOSSABHOY HORMUSJI BHIWANDIWALLA, and (2) KAIKHUSHRU HORMUSJI BHIWANDIWALLA, both of Bombay, Parsi, the former residing at Cuffe Parade and the latter temporarily residing at Lugano, in Switzerland, the surviving executors of the estate of the late Khan Bahadur Hormusji Maneckji Bhiwandiwalla .. Plaintiffs.

vs.

MANSEN KARSONDAS, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, a Barrister-at-Law, residing at Walkeshwar, outside the Fort of Bombay .. Defendant.

WHEREAS by a Consent decree made in the above suit on the 12th day of March, 1940, it was 'inter alia' ordered that the defendant do pay to the plaintiffs the sum of Rupees Fifteen Thousand in full satisfaction of the plaintiffs' claim herein.

AND WHEREAS by a Warrant of Sale, dated the 10th day of July, 1941, the Sheriff of Bombay was directed to sell by public auction all the right, title and interest of the defendant in the lands and premises in the said Warrant mentioned, that is to say:

(1) All that piece or parcel of land with the hereditaments premises and buildings standing thereon, situate at Banganga Road, bearing New Survey No. 1/7261 (part) Cadastral Survey No. 109 of the Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division and containing by admeasurement 569 square yards or thereabouts and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 3079.

(2) All that piece or parcel of land with the hereditaments premises and buildings standing thereon situate at Banganga Road, bearing New Survey No. 1/7261 (part), Cadastral Survey No. 119 of the Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division and containing by admeasurement 514 square yards or thereabouts and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 3077.

NOW IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND NOTIFIED that on the 20th day of May, 1942, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Sheriff of Bombay will under and by virtue of the said Warrant of sale, dated 10th July, 1941, put up for sale by Public Auction on the premises to the highest bidder and without reserve the right, title and interest of the said defendant in the said lands and premises or in so much thereof as may be necessary for the satisfaction of the said decree, costs, costs of previous and of this execution together with Sheriff's poundage.

The following is a list of the rights, charges and claims to which the said lands and premises are supposed to be liable:—

1. Claim of the Central Bank of India for Rs. 17,667-1-0 with compound interest at 6% with half yearly rests from 1st July, 1941, to 13th February, 1942 and thereafter simple interest at 6% per annum and Rs. 250/- with simple interest thereon at 6% per annum in respect of which there is a first charge on the property Cadastral Survey No. 109, Malabar Cumballa Hill Division, by the Preliminary Decree dated 13th August 1941 in the High Court Suit No. 871 of 1941.
2. Claim of Harilal Maganlal Khandwalla and Bai Sharda for Rs. 28,652-14-0 and compound interest thereon at 6% per annum with monthly rests from 18th June, 1941 to 18th December, 1941 with simple interest thereon at 6% per annum and Rs. 250/- and interest thereon at 6% from 18th June, 1941, till payment.

Intimation is given that the Court does not warrant the correctness of the above description of the premises nor the title of the said Defendant to the same or to any interest therein.

Should the said defendant have no saleable interest whatever in any lot to be sold in accordance with this Proclamation any sum paid by the purchaser by way of full or part payment for the same will be repayable to the purchaser.

The abovementioned 2nd Plaintiff has pursuant to the Consent Judge's Order made herein on the 18th day of August, 1941, obtained permission to bid at the sale and in the event of his becoming the Purchaser he will be at liberty to set off the purchase money against the amount due to him under the consent decree herein.

Of the price of each lot one-fourth shall be paid forthwith when the lot is knocked down to a purchaser, the remainder of the purchase money must be paid in each case by the purchaser to the Sheriff on or before the fifteenth day after the sale, save and except that the 2nd Plaintiff shall not be bound to pay the earnest or the purchase price.

The sale will not become absolute until confirmed by the Court.

In default of payment in whole or in part as above prescribed, any sum paid as deposit will be forfeited to the Government and the lot will be sold free from any interest therein or in the proceeds thereof of the prior purchaser.

For further information and conditions of sale application should be made at the office of the Sheriff of Bombay or Messrs. Merwanji Kola & Co., 14K, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1942.

M. R. A. BAIG,
Sheriff of Bombay.
(8435)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KRISHNARAO SHAMRAO DHURANDHAR has contracted with our client for absolute sale to him free from encumbrances of the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim or interest to or in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, inheritance, residue, trust, maintenance, possession, mortgage, lease, charge, easement, lien or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 70, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as having been absolutely waived or abandoned.

ALL that piece of land, situate at Bombay, Bhendi Wadi, Harischandra Goregaonkar Road, without the Fort and in the registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 232 square yards or thereabouts, of Pension Tax Tenure registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 344, New No. A/2191, Old Survey No. 639, New Survey No. 4A/7976 and Cadastral Survey No. 1702 of the Girgaum Division with a storied dwelling house bearing Municipal Street Nos. 4 and 4A and registered in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 2739 and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by the passage of the oart Bhendi Wadi, on or towards the West by the property of Gopikabai Jaggaonnath Gopinath, on or towards the North by the property of Dadoba Jaggonnath and on or towards the South by the property of Harischandra Gangaji.

Dated this 13th day of May, 1942.

RATILAL & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
8434.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NATVERLAL DHIRAJLAL of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easements or otherwise, howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Leasehold land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2087.5 square yards or thereabouts and being Plot No. 44B (South) of the Dadar-Matunga Estate of the Bombay Municipal Corporation and which forms portion of New Survey No. 1235 and bears Cadastral Survey No. 134/19 of E. A. Matunga Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under F Ward Nos. 6791(2) 4, 4A and 1A and Street Nos. 164E, etc. 164N, 358D and 358AA and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the North-East by Plot No. 45 leased to Parvatibai, widow of Lalsingh Mansingh, on or towards the South-West by Plot No. 44A leased to Kharashanker Jeshtaram, on or towards the North-West by Plot No. 40 of the Estate and Plot No. 39 of the Estate and on or towards the South-East by Kingsway.

Dated this 11th day of May, 1942.

THAKORDAS DARU HEMANY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
8422.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the partnership between Esufally Ebrahim, Tyebbhai Ebrahim and Abdulkayum Ebrahim, carrying on business in Cutlery, Toys, etc., in the name, style and firm of "Messrs. Abdulkayum Esufali & Bros." at Abdul Reheman Street, without the Fort of Bombay, has been by mutual consent dissolved on and from Chaitre Vad 30th of the Current Samvat Year 1998, i.e., 15th April, 1942. The said Esufally Ebrahim has become entitled absolutely to the said business and its outstandings, furniture, fixtures and other assets of the said firm including the right to the Goodwill thereof, the said Esufally Ebrahim has undertaken to pay and discharge all liabilities and obligations of and concerning the said firm.

Dated this 15th day of May, 1942.

GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Attorneys for
Esufally Ebrahim & Others,
Tamarind House,
36, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay.
(8443)

Auction Sales

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY, known as Sukhi Manzil at Dadar Road opposite Surya (Apollo) Cinema on Saturday the 23rd May, 1942, at 4-30 p.m. at the premises of the property; by order of Ramchandra T. Karnik Esqr., attorney for Mr. Hamidkhan Abbeskhan and Mr. Popatlal Leherchand the executors of the will of late Bai Sakinabai daughter of Alibhai Natu:—

Leasehold land admeasuring about 822 sq. yds. with the building thereon known as Sukhi Manzil situate at Dadar Road being a portion of land bearing Collector's Survey No. 2039, C. S. No 782 Dadar Naigaum division and Municipal Ward No. 663 (1) (1 A.) road Nos. 23, 23 AB, and bounded on the North by a road 40 ft. wide, East 12 ft. service passage, South Plot No. 4 and West Kings way and the land is held under a lease from the Bombay Municipality for a period of 20 years commencing from 10th March, 1934.

Further particulars from Ramchandra T. Karnik Esqr., attorney for the vendor Mahindra Mansion Esplanade Road or from the undersigned.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
123, Medows Street.

VORA & CO.

Auction Sale TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), at 19-30 A.M. (S.T.) Property of a European gentleman, F. Dickinson Esqr., and others, at Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Seaface, of complete household and office furniture, Godrej 26 inches and other fire proof safes, Godrej Steel Mirror door, cupboard, Singer machine, H. M. V. gramophone, new type Remington portable and standard typewriters, Electric table fan and lamps, modern Chesterfield sets, dining table, chairs, cabinet, book cases, dressing tables, wall clocks, wrist watches, carpets, &c. T. No. 40213. VORA & CO.

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N. Y. COTTON MARKET FEATURELESS

Restricted Turnover

Bombay, May 15.

On Thursday the New York cotton market was featureless. The session was listless. There was scattered hedging and liquidation which met small trade and New Orleans buying but optimistic April consumption did not influence the market where attention was focused on Washington and war news. The market closed at a net rise of 2 points to unchanged. Spot cotton prices gained one point at 21.02c per lbs.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

The New Orleans Cotton futures market was steady and closed at a rise of 3 points to a decline of one point. Spot cotton prices improved 2 points at 19.90c. per lbs.

INDIAN COTTON OUTLOOK

"Once more we have to report that in New York fluctuations have been small and the nett result has been practically no change in values. Trading has been on a smaller scale than recently. Consumption in the United States continues heavy and the trend is still upwards. Sowing of the new crop must now be about completed but little news is being received in this connection. There have been reports about excessive rains in some parts of the Cotton Belt but such complaints are always to be expected from farmers. Present indications are for an acreage slightly in excess of last season but for a crop which is likely to be less than next season's consumption, state Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co.

LOCAL SITUATION

"In Bombay we have had a much better market. The grand and heartening speech made by Mr Churchill a few days ago has been a good tonic but as have been pointing out for some time the Bombay market was too low and offered more scope for the Bull than the Bear. Since we first advised our spinner friends eight weeks ago to secure their requirements of foreign cottons there has been a spectacular advance in prices. Uganda cotton is up by about Rs. 120 whilst Egyptian and Sudan varieties have moved up about Rs. 80. The latter two are still below replacing cost and there is room for further improvement. These advances have at last drawn attention to the cheapness of Indian staple varieties and during the last fortnight prices have been moving up rapidly. Many spinners have waited too long to secure their requirements of such cotton and are at last realising that the balance of supply of good qualities is definitely subnormal. We look for a further appreciable advance in the price of all such cottons. Not only is the supply limited but it is now certain that for many months to come there must be smaller imports of foreign cottons than has been the case during the last few years. Another factor in favour of higher prices is the better tone in the cloth market where prices are so good that the consumer can afford to pay a good price for his raw material. In this report last week we expressed the opinion that when the price of our better styles moved up the cheapness of our lower qualities would be recognised. During the last few days there has been a steady demand for contracts in our hedge market and prices have moved up with less resistance that has been for many weeks. It would seem that the courage of those dealers who made investment purchases of even our unwanted cottons is at last going to be rewarded."

PRIVATE CABLES:

N Y July highest (2-28 p.m.) 19.50+03
N Y July lowest (10-19 a.m.) 19.44—06

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends:—

New York.—Market narrow and featureless. Closed steady.

NEW YORK COTTON.

	New York, May 14.
May	19.23+02
July	19.48+01
October	19.75
December	19.85+01
January	19.90+01
March	20.02+02
Middling spot	21.02+01

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

	New York, May 14.
May	19.22—01
July	19.50+02
October	19.97+03
December	20.09+03
January	20.11+03
March	20.23+02
Middling spot	19.90+02

NOON CALL

	New York, May 14.
May	19.19
July	19.46
October	19.72

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, May 15.

Following a rise of one point in New York cotton futures the local market was expected to open at Rs. 183/12 but the market opened very steady at Rs. 185 for Broach J/A delivery. There was no follow up on the buying side and prices gradually eased off to Rs. 183/12 under scattered realising. The rise in cotton prices is too rapid but being backed up by professional operators the market feeling remains bullish. Quotations at 12-45 p.m. were as under:—

Later on there was moderate buying and in the absence of selling prices rose to Rs. 187. At this level there was some realising and prices reacted to Rs. 185/8. Prices further declined to Rs. 183/4 on professional selling but again steadied at Rs. 184/8. Prices again retreated to Rs. 182/8 on heavy unloading but rallied to Rs. 183/4. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

BROACH	April/May	Rs. 176	0 0
BROACH	July/August	183	8 0
OOMRA	May	161	8 0
OOMRA	July	167	8 0
BENGAL	May	144	0 0
BENGAL	July	146	0 0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, May 14.

Broach A/M highest — lowest — closing 174 1/2

Broach J/A highest 185 lowest 181 closing 183 1/4

Oomra May highest 161 1/2 lowest 159 1/2 closing 159 1/2

Oomra July highest 168 1/2 lowest 166 closing 166 1/2

Bengal May highest 137 lowest 131 closing 137

Bengal July highest 142 lowest 137 1/2 closing 142

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below N. Y. May 1,251 cent pts. at 331

Broach J/A below N. Y. July 1,242 cent pts. at 331

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, May 15.

			Extra Spr-fine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G	Bengal U.P	..		147	144	141	138
M G	Punjab	...		147	144	141	138
M G	Rajputana	...		153	150	147	144
M G	Oomra No. 3		170	167	164	161	...
M G	C. P. No. 1		198	195	192	189	...
M G	C. P. No. 2		182	179	176	173	...
M G	Broach No. 2	...		184	181	178	175
M G	Punj-Ameri	..		254	251	248	245
M G	Surat	..		329	326	323	320
M G	Rajpipla	...		324	321	318	315
M G	Navsari	..		334	331	328	325

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, May 15.

	Old.	Ready
Bengal Fine	136-39	151/53
Berar	146-49	164/66
C. P. 1	151-54	188/89
C. P. 2	147-49	173/76
Khandesh	95-105	146/51
Muglai	112-15	151/56
Broach	110-15	178/80
Broach Low	95-100	...

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, May 15.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.
Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.

	Yesterday.	This year.	Last year.
Khandesh	309	77,338	97,891
Central India	...	29,980	135,867
Barsi and Nagar	..	53,018	110,219
Hyderabad/Gaorani	...	16,566	42,928
Berar	...	176,616	359,127
Central Provinces	...	86,894	75,513
Total Oomras	309	440,410	821,545
Dholeras	..	50,899	83,922
N.-W. Provinces	..	1,425	1,306
Rajputana	...	402	5,496
Sind-Punjab	...	405,153	506,494
Broach	...	314,804	231,011
Coompta & Dharwar	574	16,570	82,046
Westerns-Northerns	102	12,846	74,576
Coconanda	...	....	239
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	103	12,251	2,615
Arr. by road to 7th May	42	92,500	288,133

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, May 15.

Groundnuts	May—			
Opening		49	10	0
Highest		50	0	0
Lowest		49	4	0
Closing		49	10	0
Groundnuts	August.—			
Opening		50	8	0
Highest		51	0	0
Lowest		49	12	0
Closing		50	4	0
Cottonseeds	May—			
Opening		25	8	0
Highest		25	10	0
Lowest		25	8	0
Closing		25	8	0
Castorseeds	May—			
Opening		44	0	0
Highest		44	0	0
Lowest		44	0	0
Closing		44	0	0
Cottonseeds	September—			
Opening		27	0	0
Highest		27	2	0
Lowest		27	0	0
Closing		27	0	0
Castorseeds	September—			
Opening		47	2	0
Highest		47	2	0
Lowest		47	1	0
Closing		47	2	0

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, May 15.

Linseed	May	9	8 9
Linseed	September	7	5 6
Wheat	May	6	7 9
Wheat	September	6	4 0

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, May 15.

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0 Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London spot and forward silver quotations were again unchanged at 23 1/2d. New York spot silver was also unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 52-10-3. The local market was fairly steady with renewed buying in gold and silver. Offerings were limited. Quotations were as under:—

GOLD.

Ready	Rs.	49	8 0
1st Jeth		49	4 0
Sovereigns		37	4 0

SILVER

Ready		81	8 0
1st Jeth		78	4 0

LONDON SILVER

London, May 14.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, May 14.

Gold bars fine per oz.	£8/8/0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, May 15.

The market continued to rule steady with minor price changes. Tata Deferreds opened at 1300 and closed a little lower at 1285. Tata Ordinaries moved around 249. Bombay Dyeings kept steady around 1050. But Simplexes were higher at 182. Indian Irons were unchanged at 22-12.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1285), 1300, 1290, 1295, 1285
Tata Ordinaries (248), 250 249, 250, 248.
Tata Ordinary 248 Tata Deferred 1285
Indian Iron 22-12 Steel Corpn of Bengal 13-12 Bombay Dyeing 1050 Central India 325 Century 363-12 Gokak 840 Kohinoor 425
Simplex 190 Andhra Valley 1480 Tata Hydro 158-12 Tata Power 1360 Associated Cement 159-8 Belapur 232-8 Bombay Burma (old) 205

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, May 15.

	To-day	Total
Broach A/M.	2500	79550
Bengal May	nil	4900
Oomra May	2300	13250

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, May 15.

Yarn No. 6 1/2s June 190 August 192
Yarn No. 10 1/2s June 210 August 212
Yarn No. 20 1/2s June 308 August 310
Yarn No. 40 June 440 August 445
Quotation for 6 1/2s 10 1/2s and 40 are nominal.

Consumption Of Indian Cotton

Indian Central Cotton Committee has issued the following statement of Indian cotton (pressed and unpressed) consumed in mills in India. (Based on returns made under the Indian Cotton Cess Act, 1923, by mills in British India and on voluntary returns from mills in Indian States):—

(In bales of 400 lbs. nett.)

CONSUMPTION

British India during March 1942 256,912; during March 1941 248,776; since September 1941 1,956,685; during the corresponding period last year 1,711,078.

Indian States during March 1942 56,452; during March 1941 53,245; since September 1941 412,666; during the corresponding period last year 358,791.

Total—India during March 1942 313,364; during March 1941 302,021; since September 1941 2,369,351; during the corresponding period last year 2,069,869.

N.B.—Due to corrections which have sometimes to be made in the figures previously published, the progressive totals shown in these statistics do not necessarily represent the sum of the latest month's figures and the progressive totals published in the preceding month.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, May 14.

T. T. London on:—
New York, sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid, official 40.05 voluntary rate 46.55
Montreal, sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm, sellers 16.85 buyers 16.96

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, May 14.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£62
Indian Stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£101 3/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£82 13/16
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 13/16
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	£104 11/16
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£114 9/16
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	£113 7/8
Chartered Bank of I.A. & China	£6 1/4
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	£53
National Bank of India	£23

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURN

London, May 14.

	This week.
Total bullion	£ 1,246,000
Public deposits	£ 12,600,000
(a) Other deposits	£177,100,000
Government securities	£127,800,000
(b) Other securities	£ 21,400,000
Notes gold and silver coin	£ 51,100,000
Notes in circulation	£780,200,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	26.93p.c.
(a) Other deposits include bankers	£126,500,000
(b) Other securities include discounts and advances	£ 7,000,000
Total deposits	£189,700,000
Total securities	£149,200,000

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Dull Session

Bombay, May 15.

The local market was dull to-day with little activity. There was absence of any important buying and prices ruled quiet. Tata Steel Dfd. shares were quoted at Rs. 1295 and Ordinary shares were placed at Rs. 250. E. D. Sassoons were done at Rs. 2-9-6 and Tata Oils which were active yesterday failed to attract buyers. To-day there was some increased activity in Indian Bleaching shares but buying was not very impressive.

Wall Street market was quiet offerings slackened but demand was equally light and while a feeble revival of efforts lifted favourites a trifle, fractional declines to more than a point ruled throughout the list. U. S. Steel shares declined 1/8 at 45 3/8 and Anaconda Copper shares declined 5/8 at 23 1/8. General Motor shares closed 1/2 higher at 33 5/8 dollars.

TEXTILES

Bombay, May 15.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	.....	310	0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	.....	1050	0
100	CENTURY	.....	363	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	.....	327	0
100	Colaba X. D.	.....	160	0
100	Coorla	.....	117	8
250	Dawn	.....	675	0
250	David	.....	300	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Defd.	.....	2 9	5
100	FINLAY	.....	189	0
100	GOKAK	.....	238	0
1000	Hindustan	.....	2210	0
100	Indore	.....	270	0
100	Khatau	.....	240	0
100	KOHINOOR X. D.	.....	425	0
250	LAXMI	.....	730	0
100	Madhusudan	.....	320	0
100	MORARJI	.....	467	8
250	Model X. D.	.....	205	0
50	MYSORE	.....	125	0
200	NEW GREAT X.D.	.....	225	0
100	Podar X. D.	.....	181	4
100	Phoenix	.....	385	0
25	Sassoon Silk X. D.	.....	80	0
1000	Sholapur	.....	5510	0
50	SIMPLEX	.....	182	0
100	SWADESHI X. D.	.....	376	0
100	SWAN	.....	180	0
500	Vishnu X.D.	.....	1525	0
1000	Western	.....	1550	0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda X. D.	.....	104	0
25-50	Central India X. D.	.....	43	0
500	Imperial	.....	1510	0
125-50	Imp. Cont.	.....	357	8
50-100	India X. D.	.....	138	0
100	RESERVE BANK	.....	100	0
5	Union X. D.	.....	6	2

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED X.D.	.....	159	8

INSURANCE

15-75	New India	.....	45	0
100	Empire	.....	700	0
15-100	Jupiter	.....	13	0
20	Mercantile	.....	60	0
200	Oriental	.....	3515	0
10-50	Vulcan	.....	9	2

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmedabad Old X. D.	.....	175	0
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	.....	1510	0
10	Ajmer	.....	13	6
50	BOMBAY TRAMS	.....	129	0
100	Bombay Suburban	.....	162	8
100	Broach	.....	14	0
100	Karachi	.....	187	8
100	Poona X. D.	.....	215	0
100	Surat	.....	182	8
100	TATA HYDRO	.....	153	0
1000	TATA POWER	.....	1355	0

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij X. D.	.....	882	8
100	C. Province	.....	105	12
100	Dhond Baramati	.....	104	4
100	Gujarat	.....	103	0
100	Mandra Bhon	.....	101	0
100	Pachora Jamner	.....	92	8
100	Sara Sirajganj	.....	96	0

MININGS

9	Burma Corporation	.....	1	11
2sh.	Indian Copper	.....	1	12 6
10	Indian Iron and Steel X. D.	.....	22	12
10	SHIVRAJPUR	.....	29	8
10	Mukund Iron	.....	13	15
30	TATA STEEL DEFD	.....	1350	0
76	TATA STEEL ORD	.....	258	0
10	Steel Corporation	.....	13	14

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	.....	445	0
10	Air Services	.....	3	0
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	.....	234	0
200	Bombay Safe Deposit	.....	650	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	.....	325	0
125	B. BURMA	.....	215	0
50	Contributory	.....	66	4
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	.....	1 1	6
100	IND. BLEACHING	.....	145	0
50	Ind. Invest. Trust X. D.	.....	43	0
100	Indian Radio Def.	.....	360	0
100	Indian Radio Ord.	.....	342	8
100	Port Canning	.....	78	0
30	PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	.....	108	8
15	Scindia	.....	17	14
25	Tata Oil	.....	47	0
24	Tata Chemical	.....	14	4
100	Wimco X. D.	.....	216	4

PREFERENCE

7	per cent Vishnu	.....	715	0
7	per cent Andhra Valley	.....	1502	0
6	per cent Bom. Steam	.....	317	8
7	per cent Bombay Tram (T.F.) X.D.		76	0
5	per cent Central India (T.F.)	...	675	0
6	1/4 per cent Premier Const 1st X.D.		118	0
6	1/4 per cent Premier Cons 2nd X.D.		109	0
7	per cent Tata Hydro	.....	142	0
7	1/2 per cent Tata Power X.D.	...	1545	0
6	per cent Tata Steel 1st	.....	190	0
7	1/2 per cent Tata Steel 2nd	.....	117	4

DEBENTURES

4	per cent Andhra Valley Deb.	.....	100	4
4	per cent Bombay Telephone	.....	48	0
5	per cent Morarji	.....	102	8
4	per cent Tata Power Deb.	.....	105	8
5	per cent Sholapur	.....	71	8

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, May 15.

2 3/4	per cent 1948-52 94/12
3 1/2	per cent G P Notes 91
3	per cent 1951-54 Loan 95/4
3	per cent 1949-52 Loan 97
3	per cent 1963-65 90/10
4	per cent 1960-70 Loan 104/12
4	per cent 1943 Bonds 101/12
3	per cent War Bonds 100/8
3	1/2 per cent 1947-50 Loan 100/4
4	1/2 per cent 1955 Loan 108/12

TAX FREE LOANS

5	per cent 1945-55 Loan 106/14
4	per cent 1953/63 Mysore 112
5	per cent 1955 Mysore 122

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4	per cent B P T 1947 100/8
4	per cent M Deb 1947 104/8
5	per cent M Deb 1959 110
6	per cent M Deb 1954 120
5	per cent K P T 1956 117

Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, May 15.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 Two months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months
B.C. Rates:—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32

NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4; D D Rs. 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs. 326 1/2

MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4; D D Rs. 294 3/4.

BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil

STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128

MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04

LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal; D D Esc 7.35 nominal
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55

AUSTRALIA:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8; D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil; D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call 1/4 per cent
1 month 1/2 per cent
2 months 3/4 per cent
3 to 5 months 1 per cent
Tone:—Easy

LONDON WHEAT

London, May 14.

Rozario Santa fe May/June quoted	£24/9
Barleta Russo May/June quoted	£24/9
Australian Wheat May/June quoted	£28

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Latest Commercial

COTTON

JULY
New York, May 15

Previous closing	19.48
To-day's opening	19.52
Difference	+04
To-day's closing	not received

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, May 15

Following are the New York opening ranges :—

July (19.46/46) 19.53/52
October (19.74/73) 19.78/78
December (19.84/83) 19.89/89

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, May 15

SEEDS

Castorseeds Bombay May/June (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers

Linseed Calcutta May/June (unquoted) unquoted

Linseed La Plata May/June (£20 1/2 quoted) £20 1/2 quoted.

Groundnuts Coromandal May/June (East Coast India shipment not quoted West Coast India shipment (£20 7/8 sellers) £20 7/8 sellers

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62-0
Lead (£25) £25-0
Glasgow Iron No 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES

T T NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, May 15

Previous closing	4 03 3/4
To-day's opening	4 03 3/4

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, May 15

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4 03 1/2 buyers
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4 03 1/2 buyers
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4 03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION

London, May 15

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER
London, May 15

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
5 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, May 15

The New York Stock Exchange opening prices :—

General Motors (dol 33) dol 33 7/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 23 5/8) dol 23 3/8
United States Steel Commons (dol 45 3/8) dol 46 1/8
United States Steel Preference (dol 106 1/4) dol 107 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, May 15

The Stock Exchange was steady.

3½ PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, May 15

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 3/8

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

London, May 15

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 13/16
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 15/16
2 per cent Conversion Loan £100
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 9/16
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 3/4
3 per cent War Loan £101 1/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 7/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 17-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 34-9
Electric Music Industry 14-4 1/2
Princhin Johnson 21-10 1/2
Imperial Chemical 35-7 1/2
Woolsworth Ordinary 51-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £76 3/4
Dundee 27-4 1/2
Unilever Ordinary 25-3
Ford Motors 24-7 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £58
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 23/32
Carreas A' £5 3/16
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £5 1/16
P and O Defd 27-9
Distillers 74-3
Bredfords Dyes 7-4 1/2
British Celanese 7-7 1/2
J and P Coates 34-1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 33-0
Fine Cotton Spinners 8-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-9
Inter Nickel dol 39-0
Indian Iron 33-9

TEA SHARES

Assam 11-10 1/2
Donaro Tea 21-3
Empire of India 12-6

JUTE

Barnagore £5

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 9-0
Guia Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant. Inv Trust 12-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 13-9
Burma Corporation 3-3
Rio Tintos £7 3/4
East Rand Properties £1 27/32
Rand Mines £6 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 3/8
Associated Portland Cement 46-3
Trinidad Leasehold 66-3
Sub-Nigel £6
Spring Mines Split Share £ 1 1/32
Union Corporation 132 6

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 36-10 1/2
Anglo-India 42-6
Burma Oil £1 11/16
Mexican Eagle 11-1 1/2
Shell Transport £2 7/32
Royal Dutch £15 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £43
London Midland Ordinary £19 1/8
London North Eastern Defd £1 5/8
London Southern Defd £15 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent £130
London Transport 'C' £40 1/2

ON THE AIR

SATURDAY, MAY 16.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4 p.m. For troops in Burma. 5 Zohrabai. 5-15 Rahimuddin Khan. 5-30 Ramanand Sharma. 6-25 Rahimuddin Khan. 6-40 Hans Raj Madan. 6-50 Next week's programmes. 7 Rashid Ahmad Panipati. 7-15 Raftar-e-Zamana. 7-30 Gat Marwa on Sitar. 7-35 It has happened. 7-40 Zohrabai. 8 The Chinese Scene. 7. 8-15 For villagers only. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 War inquiry. 10 Ernst Toller in Prison.

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m As in Delhi 2. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Delhi 2. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 As in Delhi 2.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12 noon to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

Bombay II—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

5 p.m. To-morrow. 5-5 Variety. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Instrumental music. 6 News in English. 6-10 Counter-attack 6-15 News in Hindustani. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Children's half hour 7 Indian music. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8-10 As in Delhi 2. 8-10 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati 8-30 Listeners' letters. 8-45 As in Delhi 2 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Listening post. 9-50 War review. 10 to 10-45 As in Delhi 2.

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on the 8th May :—

1. Demand Liabilities in India	237,19,45,000
2 Time Liabilities in India	94,66,19,000
3 Cash in India :	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	9,55,13,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,03,97,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	33,90,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	47,55,08,000
a. Advances in India	104,19,56,000
b. Bills discounted in India	1,61,84,000

Imperial Bank Of India

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 8th May, 1942.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs
CAPITAL :—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and Subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs 500 each Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 150,000 shares	5,62,50,00	
Reserve Fund		5,62,50,000
Fixed Deposit Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		125,15,18,000
Loans against Securities per contra		
Acceptances for Constituents		
Sundries		1,01,45,000
	Rupees	137,41,63,000

ASSETS	Rs	Rs.
INVESTMENTS :—		
Government Securities	70,32,13,000	
Other Authorised Investments	1,19,20,000	71,51,33,000
ADVANCES :—		
Loans	9,21,52,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	22,62,17,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	6,61,50,000	38,45,19,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		1,78,28,000
Dead Stock		91,69,000
Sundries		
Bullion		
CASH :—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	23,21,98,000	
Balances with other Banks	1,53,16,000	24,75,14,000
	Rupees	137.41,63,000

London Stock Exchange

London, May 14

Apart from some early renewed interest in South American rails the markets were again very quiet with operators apparently awaiting the outcome of the Russian situation. Giltedged again tended to be harder. Home rails fractionally lower. Rubbers added slightly to yesterday's late advantage. industrials ruled quiet. Breweries shaded slightly and Tobaccos were mixed in character. Among foreigners Brazil bonds attracted some attention Wall Street irregular.

Colombo Market

Colombo, May 15

Price of rubber in the local market was sheet 71, crepe 72 1/4. Yesterday's closing price was the same.

Cocoanut oil f.o.b. 640.00 nominal.

ALL-INDIA DAILY WEATHER

Poona, May 15

The following are the maximum and minimum temperature up to 8 a.m. on May 15 :—

Calcutta 98 81; Cuttack 97 81; Anchi 94 74; Patna 103 82; Lucknow 105 79; Delhi 100 80; Lahore 96 75; Srinagar 79 56; Peshawar 99 nil; Karachi 88 80; Nagpur 109 85; Kodaikanal 71 53; Bombay 92 81; Poona 106 72; Hyderabad (Dn.) 103 78; Bangalore 91 70; Madras 93 81; Shillong 77 57; Darjeeling 64 55; Mussoorie 74 51; Simla 72 51; Pachmarhi 96 78; Mahableshwar 91 68; Ootacamund 75 53.—A.P.

Rajkot Has Sharp Shower

RAJKOT, May 15.

After an overcast sky since the last two days, a sharp shower, preceded by a dust storm resulted in about 15 cents of rain bringing relief from the severe heat. The climate just now however is close and stuffy.—A. P.

...l War Front Meeting

...auspices of the National War F... public meeting will be held at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall, to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m.

His Excellency Sir Roger Lumley, Governor of Bombay, will preside.

The speakers at the meeting will be Mr. ... P. Masani Leader of the Front, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, Mr. Jamnadas M Mehta, Dr. B R. Ambedkar, Mr. A. D. Shroff, Mr. A. A. Jasdenwala Mr. S C. Joshi Sir Cowasji Jehangir, and Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy.

RECORDING BROADCAST OF GOVERNOR'S SPEECH : An electrical recording of the presidential address to be delivered by His Excellency Sir Roger Lumley, Governor of Bombay at a public meeting arranged under the auspices of the National War Front, to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. will be broadcast by All-India Radio, Bombay at 6-45 p.m., the same evening on both waves 244 metres and 61.48 metres.

SIR C JEHANGIR'S BROADCAST : Sir Cowasji Jehangir will broadcast a talk on the National War Front from All-India Radio, Bombay from 7-50 to 8 p.m. to-morrow (Sunday) on 244 metres and 61.48 metres.

TRAINING IN KHADI PRODUCTION

The Secretary of the Prem Maha Vidyalaya, Brindaban (U.P.) writes :—

It has been decided to start the first class for the training, relating to Khadi Production from May 20th, 1942. It will be a short-term class for three months. Students should not be less than 20 years of age and their applications for admission, on the prescribed form, to be obtainable from the Principal Prem Maha Vidyalaya, on sending three pice postage stamp should reach the Principal by May 15. A few scholarships to cover boarding charges will also be allowed to students All students will be provided free lodging in the premises of the Prem Maha Vidyalaya.

POLICE FOZDAR STABBED?
(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, May 15.

According to reports received here from Miyanas Malia, now under the agency management, Police Fozdar was stabbed yesterday by one Miyana. The assault resulted in the Fozdar's death after a while. Miyana has been arrested by police The reason for the assault is not known.

'Grow More Food Campaign' In Bengal

CALCUTTA, May 15.

As a result of the Bengal Government's propaganda for the restriction of jute growing, more land had been cultivated for rice in Bengal, with a rice surplus, was in a position to do something to help other provinces in respect of a shortage of that commodity said the Hon. Mr Nalini Ranjan Sarker, Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council in his speech inaugurating Bengal's "grow more food campaign."

Bengal was, however, still deficient as regards other articles of diet such as wheat and pulses and an effort must be made to meet this deficiency as far as possible.—A. P.

Trade And Finance

Further Rise In Note Circulation

Gilt-Edged Market Firm

BULLION MARKET UNDERTONE STEADY

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Bombay May 15.

MONEY.

Easy conditions continued to prevail in the short-term money market throughout the week under review. Inter-bank call money was quoted at 1/4 per cent with three to six month's money available around 1 per cent. The discount rate of Three month's Government of India Treasury Bills declined further from Rs. 1-4-8 per cent to Rs. 1-4-0 per cent. During the week the sale of bills sold on tap amounted to Rs. 5,83,50,000.

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of india compiled upto 8th May 1942 reveals a further rise in the active note circulation of Rs. 6.03 crores to Rs. 422.69 crores. The total note issue has risen by Rs. 387.95 lacs to Rs. 462.65 crores. Just before the war the active note circulation amounted to 172 crores and the total note issue stood at Rs. 217 crores. On the asset's side sterling securities are up by Rs. 5 crores and Rupee coins by Rs. 1.12 crores to Rs. 28.15 crores. In the Banking department Government deposits show a decline of Rs. 9.26 crores to Rs. 11.91 crores while Bankers' deposits are up by Rs. 291.49 lacs. Balances held abroad declined by Rs. 3.65 crores to Rs. 54.88 crores. Government have borrowed from the Bank Rs. 35 lacs against ways and means making total of Rs. 3.65 crores.

GILT-EDGED.

There was a further improvement in the gilt-edged market during the week under review and prices hardened in almost all scrips. There was a fair investment inquiry, but sellers were scarce 3 1/2 per cent Rupee Paper after improving from Rs. 90/3 to Rs. 91 in mid-week remained stationary at this level. 2 1/4 per cent 1948/52 loan gained about a rupee to Rs. 94/6. 3 per cent 1946 Defence loan was bid upto Rs. 100/8 and 3 per cent 1951/54 loan improved from Rs 94/6 to Rs 95. 3 per cent 1963/65 Loan advanced from Rs. 89/6 to Rs. 90/8. 3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 loan stepped up to Rs. 100/6. 4 per cent 1960/70 loan changed hands at Rs. 105 and 4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 at Rs 108/12. 5 per cent 1945/55 tax-free loan closed at Rs. 106/12.

EXCHANGE.

There were no fresh features to report in the rupee/sterling exchange market which continued to be steady with more sellers than buyers. For inter-bank transactions sellers of spot T. T. on London quoted 1/5-63/64d and buyers were quoting 1s. 6d Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under :—

Sellers of T.T. on London (spot and upto six months) 1s. 5-31/32d.

Buyers of T T. on London (spot and upto six months) 1s 6-1/32d

In the New York market the pound sterling lay pegged at the long familiar rate of 403.75 cents throughout the week

GOLD.

The gold market exhibited a steady tone though the volume of business was extremely limited. Earlier in the week the market appeared to stagnate, but was inclined to be a shade livelier towards the close. Opening at Rs. 47/10 ready gold declined to Rs. 47/4 on Monday, but recovered and went up by stages to Rs. 48/14 at the close. June delivery gold was quoted at even rates with spot throughout. The price of sovereigns showed a sympathetic advance to Rs. 37. Floating stocks of the metal are estimated at about 150,000 tolas; arrivals from upcountry are said to be 8,000 to 10,000 tolas a day and the average daily offtake is estimated at some 5,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were Rs. 48/14 and Rs. 47/4 both for spot and June settlement

SILVER.

The silver section of the local bullion market lacked all signs of activity and complete stagnation prevailed which was reflected in the prices. Spot silver of .999 moved narrowly between Rs. 80.12 and 80/2. June settlement silver stood at a discount of Rs. 3-4 to Rs. 3-8. Ready silver of .916 fineness stood at a discount of Rs. 1-12 to Rs. 2 under the settlement throughout the week. At the close the market advanced to Rs. 81-10 the sympathy with gold. In London there was no change in the quotations of 23 1/2d for both cash and forward. Floating stocks in the market are estimated at some 5,000 bars. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 81/10 and Rs. 80/2 for spot and Rs. 78/2 and Rs. 76/10 for June settlement.

SHARES.

Trading on the Stock Exchange continued restricted, but the undertone was steady throughout and the volume of turnover was not large. In the Steel section Tata Iron Ordys. moved within narrow limits between Rs. 252 and Rs. 255. Tata Deferreds likewise moved between Rs. 1,345 and 1,360. In the Cotton Mill section Bombay Dyeing were steady around Rs. 1,050. Centurys at Rs. 363, Central Indias at Rs. 327. Kohinoors moved between Rs. 420 and Rs. 425. Among public utilities better investment inquiry caused a small improvement in prices; Andhra Valleys advancing from Rs. 1,460 to Rs. 1,480, and Tata Powers from Rs. 1,354 to Rs. 1,360. Tata Hydros were a shade easier closing at Rs. 157/8. Among Bank shares Central Banks were maintained at about Rs. 43 and Bank of Indias at Rs. 138. Imperial Bank Fully Paids advanced from Rs. 1,495 to Rs 1,510 and Imperial Bank Partly Paids from Rs. 352/8 to Rs. 357/8. Reserve Bank shares were firm closing at Rs. 100. In the miscellaneous section, Ahmd. Prantij Railways advanced from Rs. 850 to Rs. 882/8. Ass. Cements kept steady at Rs. 159 and Belapurs at Rs 234. Bombay Burmahs were quietly steady closing at Rs. 202/8. Scindia steam shares after opening at Rs. 18/5 eased slightly to Rs. 17/12, but finished at Rs. 17/14. New India Asso. shares advanced from Rs 45/2 to Rs. 45 at the close.

CALCUTTA.

The jute section of the Calcutta market continued featureless with restricted trading. The undertone continues to be steady.

Calcutta Share Bazar

Calcutta May 15

The Stock Exchange shows no material alteration to the general undertone continued steady and the volume of business was put through on a limited scale. Government securities have maintained their firmness.

Government securities : 3 1/2 per cent G. P. 91 small lot; Reserve Bank 98/8; Delhi Rohtas Railway 10; Singaran Coal A 1/14 ct.

Jutes : Gourepore pref 124; Khardah pref 121.

Miscellaneous : Indian Copper 1/11; Rhodesia Copper annas 12; Indian Iron 22/10; Steel Corporation ord 14; B I Corpn pref 166; Midnapore Zemindary 65; Champaran 20/12.

Debenture 5 1/2 per cent 1938/52 Carew & Co. 102 small lot.

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, May 15

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 125 28 120 35 118 42 117 49-56 114

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 105 24 102 28 101 35 96 42 90 49-56 98 to 90.

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 74 Rosita Rs. 72 Country make Rs. 54 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 32 per cwt.

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SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Ashad closed due to Amas. Market tone :—Steady.

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We are extremely sorry to announce that owing to certain unavoidable circumstances, New Theatres' latest picture "SAUGAND" which was scheduled to be released at the Krishna Talkies from to-day, will NOT BE RELEASED But instead "APNA GHAR" will be continued as usual!...But we assure that New Theatres'

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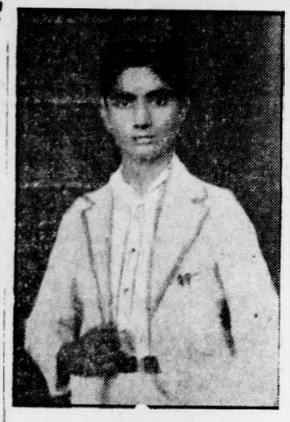

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Hariprasad Kevlaram, Hindu, 19 years slim build, Height 5' 4", black hair parted at left and brushed flat, wears coat, shirt and trousers, is wanted by the Maharbouri Police for alleged theft of his father's ornaments valued at Rs. 1,100.

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Parsi: Adar 14, 1311
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Nightide: 0-10, 13-04. Lowtide: 6-12, 18-51

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

SUPER—"The Return of Toofan Mail" 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"The Guest" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee on Sunday at 12-45 p.m.
CAPITOL—"A Yank in the R.A.F." 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Khan-Daan" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
REGAL—"How Green Was My Valley" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m. Matinee on Sunday at 11 a.m.
METRO—"They Met in Bombay" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Ladies in Retirement" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Avaz" 3, 6 and 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 12 noon.
HIND-MATA—"Jungle Princess 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
PALACE—"Road to Zanzibar" 4, 6-30 and 10
EDWARD—"Akela" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Tulsi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
AURORA—"Back Street" 3-30, 6-30 and 10
CENTRAL—"Pahila Palna" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1
NOVELTY—"Society" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 12 noon.
MINERVA—"Station Master" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 12-45 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-45, 6 and 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 11-30 a.m.
LAMINGTON—"Rai Saheb" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Garib" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Amrit" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30
PRAKASH—"Thoratanchi Kamla" 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m

BEST TRAFFIC UNION: A special meeting of the B.E.S.T. Traffic Union will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. in the Union Office.

"SAVE GOPALAN" COMMITTEE: Those who have taken receipt books of "Save Gopalan" Committee are requested to return the same immediately to the office with the proceeds thereon.

"JOURNALISM": 'Journalism' will be the subject of a public lecture by Mr. S. Natarajan, Editor, "The Indian Social Reformer" in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m.

BAND AT ESPLANADE: The band of the Bombay City Police will play a programme of music at Esplanade Bandstand, Fort, to-day (Saturday) from 6 to 8 p.m. (S.T.).

BOMBAY AKALI DAL: A meeting of Akali Dal will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at Kalbadevi 302, where all members are requested to attend the meeting. The President and others will speak about the Punjab Government's attitude.

B. C. & S. MOTOR CAR DRIVERS' UNION: A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bombay City and Suburban Motor Car Drivers' Union will be held, tomorrow (Sunday) at 2-30 p.m. in the Union Office.

CULTURAL SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF SOVIET: Under the auspices of the above Society, Mr. K. K. Menon will speak on "Child Education in Soviet Union", tomorrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. at the Girgaum Office (Stone Building), Charni Road.

GIRGAUM CONGRESS COMMITTEE: In the meeting of the Managing Council of the Girgaum District Congress Committee, the following office-bearers have been elected:—Sjt Y. K. Khadilkar, Vice-President, and Sjt. R. M. Desai, Jt. Hon. Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley attended by Mr. J. B. Irwin, Secretary to the Governor and Mr. P. Stafford Aide-de-Camp returned from Mahableshwar on Friday.

ANDHERI VERSOWA BUS SERVICE: A public meeting of the Andheri Versowa Public, will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. in the "Dariya Mahal" Versowa, to ventilate the grievances against the irregularities of the Andheri Versowa Bus Service.

YOGIC FEATS: Prof. Dharmdut P. Sharma will demonstrate some of his Yogic achievements in a public meeting to be held under the auspices of Matunga Gujarati Club at Nappoo Hall, Matunga, tomorrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. (S.T.). His Worship the Mayor of Bombay, Syt. Yusuf Meherally will preside.

EMERGENCY DEFENCE COMMITTEES: To meet the requirements of the Bombay Citizens' Emergency Defence Committee in those localities, public meetings to establish local Emergency Defence Committees will be held in the New Chawls Compound, New Chikhalwadi, opposite Grant Road Station, and at Jaiphalwadi, Forjett Street, Tardeo, to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m., and tomorrow (Sunday) at 12-30 p.m., respectively.

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSES: The following religious discourses will be held by Swami Sambuddhanandaji of Ramakrishna Mission, Khar Road:—

To-day (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Ratlibai's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Road, Fort, in English, on "Vedanta Philosophy" (Brahma Sutra).

To-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. (S.T.) at Mission Library Hall, Khar Road, in English, on "Bhagawat Geeta" and at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Mission Library Hall, Khar Road, in Hindi, on "Teachings of Bhagawan Sree Ramakrishna Paramahamsa."

PARADE OF A.R.P. VEHICLES.

His Excellency the Governor of Bombay will inspect a parade of A.R.P. vehicles at the Esplanade Maidan on the afternoon of May 25.

He will also formally accept from the donors three units presented for use with the city's A.R.P. Services.

Before the inspection, the vehicles will parade through the city. Their route will be: Esplanade Road North, Carnac Road, Muhammad Ali Road, Bhendi Bazar Road, Parel Road, Haines Road, Arthur Road, Lamington Road, Queen's Road, Bandstand, Mayo Road and Waudby Road.

AUDITORS & CO-OP. SOCIETIES

Conditions for the appointment of professional auditors to audit accounts of co-operative organisations in the Province have been approved by the Government of Bombay. The auditors will be appointed by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies from among Registered Accountants of professional standing and other qualified persons. An approved list of auditors will be published by the Registrar in the "Bombay Government Gazette" for the guidance of the organisations

CENTRAL INDIA STATES PROBLEMS

BOMBAY, Friday.

Yesterday, several leading workers of Central India States met at Kalbadevi and Fort at Vidyalaya Press and Mewar Printing Works and discussed with the Bombay workers of Central India the present political and agrarian problems of C. I. States. The present reactionary activities of certain C. I. States was also discussed. The workers are again meeting when some more workers from C. I. States will arrive.

Till now the General Secretary of the C. I States Peoples' Conference, Mr. Kanhaiyalal D. Vaidya, Munshi Hamidali, General Secretary, Rajgarh Prajamandal and member Executive Committee, C. I. Conference, Mr Prahalad Pandey Shashi, the young poet and President of the Central India Navayuvak Sangh, including the Joint Secretary of the Navayuvak Sangh, Mr. Narendra Kumar Dhir and others have arrived in Bombay.

Mr. S. L. Silam, B.A., LL.B. who is elected by the Bombay Municipality to represent that body on the Senate of the Bombay University.

DEFAMATION CASE AGAINST MASANI

Khare's Revision Application Dismissed In Nagpur High Court

NAGPUR, May 15.

Orders were passed by Justice Vivian Bose of the Nagpur High Court dismissing the revision application filed by Doctor N. B. Khare ex-Premier of C. P. and Berar in his Defamation Case against Mr. M. R. Masani of Bombay and others. In the course of the order, the judge remarked "it is for the public good that such things should be made known and discussed and criticised. I hold that the publication was for the public good."

It will be recalled that Dr. Khare had filed a defamation case against Mr. Masani and others in the court of the City Magistrate of Nagpur who discharged the accused as no 'prima facie' case was made out. Dr. Khare went in for revision in the court of the Additional District and Sessions Judge who upheld the lower court's order. Against this, the present Revision Application was filed in the High Court.—A. P.

AMERICAN TECHNICAL MISSION

Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy's Tea Party

To meet the members of the American Technical mission Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy gave a tea party at the Cricket Club of India on Friday.

ALL-INDIA WRITERS' CONFERENCE

Messrs. S. H. Vatsyayana and Shahid Ahmad Dehlavi write:

An All-India Writers' Conference will be held at Delhi on 19th and 20th instant. The objects of this Conference will be not only to discuss the peculiar problems of writers in this country and to devise ways and means to promote the cultural Renaissance in India, but also "to give a clear call to the country in the face of the danger that threatens her? To declare uncompromising resistance to aggression whether from the east or the west, thus aligning itself not only with the progressive literatures but also the progressive peoples of the world."

Nearly four hundred invitations have been issued to representative writers in the various Indian languages, e.g., Hindi, Urdu, Bengali, Assamese, Oriya, Tamil, Telugu, Canarese, Malayalam, Gujarati, Marathi, Punjabi, English, etc. Messages of goodwill and co-operation have already been received from all over the country.

A strong Reception Committee has been formed and arrangements are in full swing.

Deo To Tour Berar

POONA, May 15.

Mr. Shankar Rao Deo, member of the Congress Working Committee, returned here to-day after completing his extensive tour in Satara District where he explained the Congress attitude to the war at a number of meetings.

Mr. Shankarrao Deo received more than Rs. 2,000 during the tour, for Congress work in Maharashtra. He is undertaking a tour of Berar during the last week of this month.—United Press.

Who Voted With Rajaji

(From Our Correspondent)

NAGPUR, (By Mail).

After the A.I.C.C. Session, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. P. C. Ghosh, Sjt. Shankar Rao Deo appraised Gandhiji with what transpired at Allahabad and their reactions to the resolutions. Sardar Patel arrived at Wardha on Tuesday. Sjt. Rajagopalachariar has also arrived to-day.

It is reported that the Allahabad resolution on war and political situation does not correctly reflect Gandhiji's mind which he had depicted, it is stated in the draft sent with Miss Miraben. It is further reported that the draft went through many changes.

The analysis on Rajaji's resolution shows that among the 15 who voted with him were 5 Communists, 3 Muslims, i.e. Mian Iftikaruddin, President, Punjab P. C. C and Syed Jaherali and three ex-Ministers, viz. Dr. Subbaroyan and Rajaji himself and four others. It is stated in political circles that even Tamilnad is not behind Rajaji. The scrutiny of voting on the Provincial basis reveals that from Andhra there was only one vote, from Tamilnad 9, and from the rest of India only 5.

PVB

(From the P.V.B. Headquarters.)

First-Aid Squads—

All the First-Aid volunteers of the 'D' (Girgaum) Ward are requested to meet in the Jinnah Hall" to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m., when Dr. M. D. De Glider, the C.M.O. will address them.

Rescue Training—

A class of the P.V.B. volunteers in Light Rescue Work will be started on Monday the 16th instant at 7 p.m. at "Jinnah Hall". Dr. Aiban D'Souza, the Chairman of the Rescue Committee of the P.V.B. will meet all the volunteers who intend to undergo this training

All P.V.B. volunteers, who are endowed with courage and possess strong physique and desire to join the class are requested to give their names to Mr. S. V. Sovani, the D.O. 'D' (Girgaum) Ward.

'G' WARD P.V.B. OFFICERS' MEETING

A meeting of the Assistant Divisional Officers, Staff Officers, Circle Officers and Sector Officers of the 'G' Ward P.V.B. will be held to-day (Saturday) at 7 p.m. (S.T.) in the Central Office of the 'G' Ward P. V. B., near Shivaji Park Corner.

As a very important Agenda is to be gone through all the officers are required to be present in time and without fail.

WEEKLY RALLY & FLAG SALUTATION

A weekly Rally of the Volunteers of the 'G' Ward P. V. B. will be held at Mori Road, Mahim, opposite Vithoba Temple, on Sunday, the 17th instant at 7-30 a.m. when Shri B. G. Kher, the ex-Premier, will unfurl the national flag and address the volunteers.

All the circle officers and volunteers of the Ward No. 17 (Circle No. 1 to 6) and Circle No. 10 are requested to attend the Rally without fail in time.

MEETING OF P.V.B. VOLUNTEERS: A meeting of the P.V.B. Volunteers 'D' Ward Circle No. 3 will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.) at Aryan E. S. High School, Girgaon.

'D' WARD P.V.B. OFFICERS' MEETING: A meeting of the Asstt. D.Os., Circle, Officers and Sector Officers from 'D' Ward will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Jinnah Hall.

(Issued from the Headquarters of the P.V.B.).

Under the auspices of the P.V.B. of the 'C' Ward there will be two public meetings at the following places, to-day (Friday) as follows:—

1. Patra Chawls, Bhawanishankar Road at 6 p.m.
2. Kasam Chawl, Bhawanishankar Road, at 7-30 p.m.

Divisional Officer: 'A' Ward P.V.B. writes: P.V.B. Volunteers carry out a cart from to-day and every day for P.V.B. demonstration in their own Ward. They will sell P. V. B. literature and show demonstrations of First-Aid and A.R.P. in public.

ACTIVITIES OF NARANJI EBJI AND BHULCHAND MEGHJI LOHANA BOARDING

This institution was started for the uplift of needy Lohana students in 1910. Its Silver Jubilee was celebrated in April 1939 and a Silver Jubilee issue has been published which is very attractive. It contains about 95 photos and many details about the working of the institution. Some of its past students have paid their moral debt to the institution and the total amount so voluntarily contributed by the past students comes to more than Rs. 20,000. Donations of about Rs. 40,000 were received at the time of the Silver Jubilee.

The activities of the institution include a Debating Union, a hand-written magazine, elocution and writing competitions. This is the only institution for granting aid to the Lohana students who have passed their Matriculation examination, though there are about 30 communal institutions for granting aid to poor students who have studied upto Matric. Up to now more than 400 students have taken advantage.

The past students of the institution are practically managing the whole administration of the institution and both the secretaries are its past students.

BHARATA ITIHASA SAMSHODHATA MANDALA, POONA

The 29th annual conference of the members of the Bharata Itihasa Samshodhata Mandala, Poona, will be held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 30th, 31st May and 1st June, 1942, respectively. Historical research papers will be read and discussed, exhibits will be presented, lectures will be delivered. Research scholars and students are requested to take part and send papers and exhibits for discussion and presentation.

The 32nd anniversary of the said Mandala falls on Sunday, the 14th June, 1942. This day also will be celebrated as above.

BOMBAY FLYING CLUB, LTD.—The Bombay Flying Club's report for April 1942, is as under:—

Flying time for the month amounted to 152 hours 50 minutes, including 31 hours 10 minutes flown at Poona. Mrs. M. Murphy completed all flying tests for Pilot's "A" Licence. Capt. MacSurrach, Capt. H. I. Watts and Mr. R. B. Sarjana started their training for Pilot's 'A' Licence. Messrs. MacCurrach and Watts went solo. Mr. J. K Taleyarkhan used one of our Club aircraft for his flight from Bombay to Nargol. Mrs. M. Murphy did a return dual Cross Country Flight from Bombay to Poona, Mr. J. R Taleyarkhan renewed his Pilot's "A" Licence, Messrs. R. W. Yarrow, F. A. Sharpe and P. R. Patkar used the club aircraft.

"EXPERIENCES OF BOMBING ON SINGAPORE

Under the auspices of the Santa Cruz Citizens Emergency Committee, a public meeting will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. in the Hall of Mahadevi Podar Vidya Bhavan, Santa Cruz, when Mr. R. Jumabhoy, President, Indian Chamber of Commerce, Singapore, will narrate his experiences of bombing on Singapore Shri Balasaheb Kher will preside

Muslim Civil Defence Committee Starts Work

Great enthusiasm is found amongst the Muslim Circles in Bombay, since the beginning of work of the Muslim area Civil Defence Committee. Various Centres and first-aid training classes have been started during these days.

Mr. M. R. A. Baig, Sheriff of Bombay, the President of the M. A. V Committee has been taking a keen interest to solve the Civil Defence Problem.

The President inaugurated first-aid Classes and Centres at Noor Bang, Madanpura, and Ghogari Moholla, during this week.

Shantaram's Donation To Marathi Journalists

Mr. V. Shantaram has donated 101 rupees for the third annual session of the Marathi Journalists' Conference.

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THE IMMEDIATE TASK

Dr. Rajendra Prasad has done well to emphasize the point that Indians must resist Japanese aggression uncompromisingly and that it is wrong to rely on Japan's profession to safeguard India's independence. Indeed, on this point most Indians, if not all, are agreed But the question is: How is effective resistance best secured? Dr Prasad and the majority in the All-India Congress Committee think that non-violent non-co-operation will be effective enough We have already expressed our doubts about this. Very few in India have developed that degree of non-violent resistance which is necessary to overcome Japanese aggression. All things considered better results can be achieved with nation-wide armed resistance, coupled with non-violent resistance where nothing better is possible. But such resistance becomes most effective when it is led by a National Government both at the Centre and in the Provinces. It is on this objective that the efforts of our Congress leaders should be concentrated. And in so far as a National Government presupposes an agreement between the important political parties in the country such an agreement is unquestionably, the immediate task of the Congress. If the very best form of agreement is not possible immediately, the next best form has to be accepted though as a tentative measure, so long as it facilitates the inauguration of a National Government.

Defence Of India, The Issue

As Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar said at Madras on Thursday co-operation in British war effort is no longer the issue which is fully and entirely the defence of the country and, therefore, there should be a Congress-League settlement now, so that a National Government could be formed and the country could be organized to repel the aggressor. His suggestion that, in the grave danger that faces the country, the paramount need of the hour is unity is endorsed by the Working Committee of the Tamil Nad Congress Committee and Dr. Syed Mahmud. The Working Committee of the Tamil Nad Congress Committee has passed a resolution urging the Congress President to take immediate steps to give effect to his proposal for bringing about an understanding between the Congress and the League. Dr. Syed Mahmud rightly deplores that while America, England and Russia can combine for common action against common dangers, it is nothing but a misfortune passing comprehension that two big political organisations which have it in their power to sway large sections of the Indian population should stand apart and simply look askance at one another. As he says, there is no rational basis for the postponement of a joint conference between the two organizations. In fact the call of patriotism and of the defence of the country makes it imperative that no time should be lost in bringing about this conference.

Unity, Urgent Need

A Congress-League settlement is as urgent as is the danger that faces the country and in this connection we cannot too strongly emphasize the point urged by Mr Rajagopalachariar in his Madras speech on Friday that "the consciousness of Muslims to-day, whatever the reason of it might be, was a fact which must be recognized." The fact must be faced that, rightly or wrongly, increasing number of Muslims are being successfully lured by the cry of Pakistan. The policy of drift hitherto followed by the Congress, though explained by the attitude adopted by Mr. Jinnah, cannot be justified on the ground of national need and the national character of the Congress itself. The Congress cannot as a national organization, adopt the attitude that nothing can be done so long as the third party is in our midst. No organization is more anxious for a settlement than the Congress. Unfortunately no organization also seems to be more despairing of such settlement than the Congress. Never was national unity more needed than to-day for the defence of India as well as for its freedom and the Congress must bestir itself and do everything possible to secure it.

Industries In Bombay

The annual report of the Department of Industries, Bombay Province, for the year 1940-41 records gratifying industrial progress in various directions. The progress may be gauged generally from the increase in the number of working factories, which was 2,495 in 1938 and which increased in the next two years to 3,120 and 3,318. The number of Joint Stock Companies also increased from 138 in 1938-39 to 151 and 206 in the next two years. Commenting on the progress in the cotton mill industry, the biggest industry in the province, the report says: "Production greatly increased on account of greater demand from local markets, military authorities and from overseas. Systematic night-shift working was resorted to by many mills and the stock position of the mills very much improved. The war stimulated the demand for Indian piece-goods from a number of Empire countries and a valuable export trade was being built up." The woollen and artificial silk industries also fared well and the same is true of industries like sugar, paper, glass, vegetable and confectionary. Among new enterprises during the year may be mentioned the manufacture of liver and pituitary extracts and of squashes and corn flakes, and acetic acid.

As regards the work of the Industries Department itself, it has grown much since the Congress Government gave it a vigorous incentive and it can be a great deal more if the Department is adequately financed and kept in close touch with all industrial concerns including industrial schools. The Department's work now mainly consists in solving practical difficulties in the processes of manufacture, giving general technical advice, ascertaining and suggesting scope for new industries, the collection and dissemination of commercial and industrial intelligence and giving loans and grants to promising but needy industrial concerns. Loans of the total value of Rs. 75,850 were given during the year, while grants for conducting certain researches amounted to less than Rs. 5,000. The financial help given by the Department cannot be said to be generous or adequate. But it can be so only if Government make generous grants to the Department itself. To be able to give expert advice to industrialists the Department has to carry on considerable research work in its own workshops and laboratories and this cannot be efficient without generous financing by Government.

Of special interest among the activities of the Department is its help to small scale and cottage industries, which have such a vast scope in the province, as, indeed, in the whole country. The Department is doing much experimental work in designing and constructing improved appliances, in the manufacture of imitation gold thread, glass and glass bangles, bleaching and softening sann hemp fibre, improvement of the village oil "ghani" and several other promising small industries and it communicates the results of its experiments to those interested in promoting the industries. During the year under review the Department maintained five peripatetic cotton hand-weaving schools for 'bona fide' weavers, two cotton weaving schools for agriculturists, one wool weaving school for 'dhangars' and wool weavers and three dyeing and printing demonstrations. It maintained six tanning demostration parties which visited thirteen centres covering all the divisions of the Province It also helped to popularise the use of improved methods in cane and bamboo work, lacquer work, coir and fibre work, art crafts, pottery manufacture sericulture, match making and glass bangles making. The Department is co-operating handsomely with the All India Spinners' Association and the All-India Village Industries Association. During the year under review Government provided a grant-in-aid of Rs. 10,000 to the former Association and Rs. 21,310 to the latter for approved research schemes. All this work is doubtless highly commendable but is utterly inadequate considering the vast need for promoting industries in the province, both large scale and small scale. While appreciating the good work done by the Department, we wish it doubled and quadrupled in the near future.

Frankly Speaking

Message To Chinese Muslims

In his letter to General Omar Pai Cheng Hsi, Deputy Chief of the Chinese General Staff and President of the Islamic National Salvation Federation of China, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad expresses gratification that Chinese Muslims are fighting side by side with their countrymen for their country's cause. This is no more than a just tribute. The Chinese Muslims have wholeheartedly and patriotically participated in China's war for independence and democracy and thus vindicated the essential spirit of Islam to which Maulana Azad refers. Muslims all over the world will be proud of their Chinese co-religionists. They in their action to-day are proving themselves worthy followers of a religion that gave "the message of fraternity and equality to mankind and emancipated them from the bondage of social and religious narrowness under which they were suffering." The Congress President also assured the Chinese nation that "India's heart and mind" was with it in its great and glorious struggle against wanton, ruthless aggression. There is not a single Indian who will not endorse this assurance on his behalf.

British Home Guards

The other day, Britain's Home Guards celebrated the second anniversary of their formation amid the perils of the post-Dunkirk period. Two years ago they were isolated improvised groups of old and elderly civilians armed, and only a few of them, with nothing more effective than shot guns and pistols. To-day they are an organised force trained well and equipped with modern weapons. The Home Guards composed of civilians doing other jobs now differs from the regular army in that it is a defensive task force designed to operate locally. And it numbers well over a million and a half. It is a decisive counter to any attempted air borne invasion and it is also an extremely effective second line of land defence in any effected locality. With a well armed garrison of over two million regular troops and so many Home Guards, with strong land defences with a Navy and with an air force which has extended its own supremacy to enemy skies, an invasion of Britain is ridiculous even as a subject of speculations.

Second-Front Demand

What is much more relevant on the other hand, is the question of a British invasion of Western Europe. The German offensive in Russia has revived the problem and people both in America and Britain are demanding, with greater urgency, the establishing of a second front in Western Europe. So far as this demand is concerned one has, we suppose, to content oneself with Mr. Churchill's promise that he would not fail this popular offensive spirit either in daring or in —wisdom. But one does wonder why the continuity of the R. A. F. offensive should regularly be broken for long periods.

The Kerch Fighting

Evidently the Nazis were unable to sustain their first mood of modesty for more than twenty-four hours or so, as regards their offensive in the Crimea. They broke loose as it were and trumpeted forth characteristically tall claims announcing even that the fight was all over! Subsequently they again sobered down and now admit that the fighting is going on. The act is, and it is admitted by the Russians themselves, that the Nazis have made fairly good progress. But it is quite untrue that the Red Army collapsed at the first blast as if it were made of toy soldiers. It has fought and is still fighting stubbornly against heavy odds and, while it is not possible to hope that it will hold the Kerch Peninsula, it will most certainly exact a heavy and exorbitant price for it from the Nazis.

Timoshenko's Drive

Of more interest is Marshal Timoshenko's offensive in the Kharkov sector. Its exact extent and magnitude is not yet known but the fact that it is making progress focuses attention upon it as a move of a great potential importance. If Timoshenko recaptures Kharkov he will not only have scored a local success. Its strategical significance will affect the whole fighting in the Ukraine and for the Caucasus. What is more, it will prove that, like the Germans, the Russians, too, are ready and able to fight an offensive campaign in this spring and summer. In fact the Russians have struck at two sectors. They are reported to be battering through German defences around Leningrad, too.

Romance Of A. V. G.

By D. F. KARAKA

CHUNGKING, May 5. (By Air Mail).

What might be called one of the great romances of World War II and certainly of that part of the War which is being fought in the Far East is the story of the American Volunteer Group, who have been, because of their work, referred to as "Tigers over Burma and China." Well might one say of them that they came in answer to a Chinese prayer. For a long while, China had been carrying on its grim fight against Japanese aggression without any adequate means of aerial reply to the squads of Japanese bombers, who came like a swarm of locusts and parched the cities, burning the homes of the Chinese people and generally causing havoc to property. Such was the shortage of Chinese air power and the limitations of the anti-aircraft guns' range, that a city like Chungking ceased after a while to offer any resistance to the constant air-raids over it, revealed Chungking's Princetown returned young Mayor. K. C. Wu, who has been a dynamic figure in organising the perfect A.R.P. of this wartime capital of China. Determined to remain unshaken by the bombardment from the air, the people of China crept into their mountain dug-outs like ants taking shelter, waiting for the day to come when some adequate reply could be given to the Japanese bombers, who had too long had their own way in the air.

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Somewhere in the world "an old man" had been watching world events and his eyes turned towards China, whose determined resistance struck a chord within him. "The Old Man", for that is how Colonel Chennault is affectionately called, had studied Japanese air tactics to perfection. He knew for certain that given a squadron of good planes with good pilots, the hell could be knocked out of these Jap bombers. So this old man with his sharp-cut wrinkled face, black hair and dark eyes and fine military bearing, lept to action. Returning to the U. S. he managed to persuade the United States authorities to allow him to get together a Volunteer group, which could form part of the Chinese Air Force and fight for China in this war against the Japanese. Chennault got that permission. He got the men he wanted. He got the planes.

Although the A. V. G. is compared with the Lafayette Escadrille of the last war, it must be noted that the A. V. G. is not just a group of young and reckless adventurers. On the contrary, they were recruited from among trained men, who were by special permission relieved from duty in the U. S. forces and allowed to join the Chinese Air Force on the basis of a civil contract. While doing so they are allowed to retain their commissions in the U. S. forces, and they are free to return to their original commissions whenever they want to.

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"They are," Colonel Chennault once said, "the finest bunch of fighting boys." And one has only to look at their score board to see this is no exaggeration. Figures received in Chungking some three weeks ago show that they had shot down some two hundred planes, which is nearly a third of the number the Japs used against them, for a corresponding loss of only 10 A. V. G. planes. Chennault says that this score board indicates that his squadron consists of the finest specimens of American youth. The boys, on the other hand, want to attribute their success to the application of Chennault's brilliant tactics. Perhaps, the truth is somewhere between the two, or it is the leader together with the boys that has gone to make the A. V. G. one of the greatest stories of the war.

When I first heard of the exploits and the daring of the A. V. G. while I was in India, I pictured them as a tough gang rough and ready, unshaven, unkempt young men, the sort of fellows that lead tough lives for the sake of the thrill of inviting danger, looking, possibly like Trader Horns in the wilds of Burma. Imagine my surprise when I ran into a bunch of what looked like handsome Hollywood stars and starlets—the sort of young men you would see in an air picture, as a supporting cast to Robert Taylor. But what they are doing out in Burma is no Hollywood studio stunt. They are playing the role of tigers of the air, and guardians of China.

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Leadership has played a great part in the work of the A. V. G. Time and again, when the Colonel emerges from his modest little shack which is his office, decorated only with large maps and pictures of enemy air-fields, he lectures to the boys that on no account must they believe that the Jap is an inferior fighter. "He is tough and better than the best" is the sort of feeling he tried to put into his young men. Then the boys know the toughness of the proposition that faces them. That is why they give always and all the time of their best and it explains also why the A. V. G has so well succeeded in tackling the Japs. Those who have lost their planes and sometimes their lives have done so, according to their colleagues, because they did not fully carry out Chennault's instructions, for if any living man knows something about Japanese air tactics it is Colonel Chennault. To the boys he is like a demigod and they will willingly die for him, even as they will in the cause for which they are fighting.

They are a young and human lot. They itch for action and complain that they do not get enough of it. But, when they are waiting for their calls they eagerly devour news of sports events, back in the old home town. "New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox". Boy! That sho is noos—as important as shooting down a half-dozen Jap planes. From all quarters efforts are made to keep the boys well-stocked with American magazines and reading matter. True story, detective fiction, Hollywood glamour-stuff. They take it all in their spare moments.

And so lives the great romance of World War II. It makes great reading and I have no doubt it makes even greater living.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Gandhiji And Jinnah Must Meet

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Mr. Bharucha has appealed to Mahatma Gandhi to utilise his stay in Bombay in meeting Mr. Jinnah and bringing about a rapprochement between the two great communities of which they are the leaders. The appeal has the support of every one of us who has the interests of his country at heart.

The enemy is no longer knocking at our doors, he has already carried the war into our beloved homes. It is but meet, therefore, that the two leaders forget and bury the bickerings of the past deep down into the abyss of oblivion, put their heads together and bring about a plan for the defence of our hearths and homes.

What cannot unity achieve? If unity and oneness of Britain can work wonders and hold the might of the whole German moloch at bay, united India can work still greater wonders, unarmed as she is, and be an eye-opener to the world.

Gandhiji is, indeed, a great man, so is Mr. Jinnah. But greater still is our beloved country, so let them both in this hour of her trial, prove equal to the occasion and show to the world that they are true sons of the soil.

God bless them both.—Yours, etc.,

NANALAL N. NANAVATY.

Rajaji's Proposal

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Rajaji's recent move has created an emotion and stir in our otherwise dull political field. Whether the resolutions represent the view of the Madras public or not we cannot underrate the inner motives of Rajaji that urged such an astute politician of high mental capacity like him to take such a radical stand. It is definitely known that his sympathy has never been with those reactionary leaders who have propounded or favoured the partition scheme of India. I do not, for an instant, believe that he has changed his likings. But he has foreseen that if the Leaguers are treated with justice and generosity in interim central and provincial national Governments they will not urge a separation when the time for making a constitution does arrive. We must take stock of our own follies that have driven the minority communities to the extreme end, and let us bravely atone for our faults. There is lots of talk about "surrender", but it must be asserted that giving way to our own brother cannot be called a "surrender", it is much better than submission to a foreign aggressor. Moreover, the Pakistan Scheme is all in the air as yet and it is improbable that the Muslims if offered a right and just solution will take shelter in an uncertain future which Pakistan is upto now.—Yours, etc.,

S. H. N. A. CHOWDHURY.

Mr. Amery Again

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Mr. Amery just tried to be smart when he spoke the other day in the House of Commons on India.

Mr. Amery was all for a settlement, but his chief difficulty lay in the fact that a settlement would mean an executive responsible in theory to a parliamentary majority, but responsible in fact to a party caucus behind the majority.

The party caucus in India is something which Mr. Amery dreads, and rightly so since it has given him headaches for the last so many years.

That a diehard British politician of Mr. Amery's type should talk of party caucuses in other countries is amusing, if not audacious. Perhaps, Mr Amery has been singularly fortunate in escaping from the mysterious workings of the party bosses who dominate the election shows in England.

The party caucus in India, to which Mr. Amery refers depends for its existence on the goodwill and love of the Indian people, and not, as in England, on big business and 'economic cliques' and the press lords.

I recommend Mr Amery to see the Columbia picture, "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" if he has not already done so.—Yours etc.,

C. R. NAIR.

University For Karnatak

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Recently the present Government of Bombay have appointed a Committee of which, the Rt. Hon. Mr. M. R. Jayakar is Chairman, to consider the question of immediate feasibility of an independent and separate University for Maharastra The establishment of Universities on linguistic basis has been in the air for a pretty long time. It is only now, that this precious principle is practically accepted by Bombay Government. The appointment of Jayakar Committee may be taken as convincing proof, that the Bombay Government is ready to get wedded to the principle. But the Bombay Government has always been unwilling to forward, unless goaded by public opinion. It is not known, why they did not appoint similar Committees for Gujarat and Karnatak.

Karnatak has already become ripe for its own separate University. It is for this reason that the appointment of Jayakar Committee is welcomed throughout Karnatak, and has already led to considerable agitation in Karnatak itself with a view to get its own more natural demand, for its own University recognised. In a short time, Karnatak is meeting in a big conference. It is hoped, that the allsided discussions of the conference, will have the desired effect on the Government of Bombay, and result in the appointment of a separate Committee for Karnatak.—Yours, etc.,

S. N. ANGADI.

Belgaum.

Income-Tax And Electoral Lists

To the Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—With the lowering of the income-tax limit, there should be electoral lists to include those who will henceforth pay under the new incidence.

As far as I am aware this question has not been raised in the Assembly. It is, however, very vital; doubly so in view of Sir Stafford Cripps' offer.—Yours, etc.

ELECTOR.

A. R. P. In Poona

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Poona is suffering from such a stringent black-out, that street-lamps are being extinguished at 9 p.m. and residents have to put off their lights at 10-30 p.m.

If Madras has found it feasible to relax its A.R.P. measures, and switch on to a brown-out from a black-out, I do not see any reason why Poona should not follow suit?—Yours, etc.

IQBAL KHAN.

Poona.

Mahatma Gandhi

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—I had the privilege of having a very brief chat with Mahatma Gandhi on the 13th instant at 6-30 p.m. There was much that I should have liked to ask him, but, unfortunately, I became self-conscious.

I was struck by the humility and simplicity of the man.

I came away with the impression of having met one of the kindest and sweetest of men. Gandhiji has, at one time or other, faced great opposition, the opposition of the mighty British Empire, has been mercilessly criticised and abused, has been jailed umpteen times, has even been beaten up and yet all this has not made him bitter! That is the mark of a really great man.—Yours, etc.

HOMI SORABJI BANAJI

Bombay, May 14.

"Hindustan For Hindus"

To the Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—Opposing the Cripps proposals, Mr. Savarkar, the President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, addressed a meeting at the Gandhi Grounds, Delhi.

His very first sentence was "Hindustan for Hindus". He repeated the slogan throughout his long speech and ended it with the same. Wherever he goes, he creates this same impression in the minds of the Hindus, that Hindustan belongs to them, and that the Muslims being in minority must remain under Hindu domination for all times.

Naturally, such utterences by a responsible Hindu leader create suspicion and distrust among the Muslims. And as a result of it they are justified in demanding Pakistan for Muslims. So long Hindus are guided by such ideas there is bound to be more Hindu-Muslim bitterness. Under such atmosphere Pakistan is a certainty.—Yours, etc.,

G. A. MOLEDINA.

Ahmedabad Grant-in-aid Schools

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Several secondary proprietary grant-in-aid schools in Ahmedabad have asked from their students fees for March, April and May this month. This, sir, is a new departure this year, which would entail hardship upon the parents of the students and would be a great drain upon their purse in these hard times. This demand has been made, as a result of the informal decision taken at a meeting of the Head Masters' Association of secondary schools here. I consider that this demand is unwarranted and the Educational department which controls secondary education in the Province should intervene and prevent grant-in-aid schools from following a mercenary policy.

There is also another objectionable matter to which I desire to refer to. These schools are going to hold the examination for more than a month and they will waste nearly one month and a half after examination Cannot the Department prevent these proprietary grant-in-aid institutions from behaving in this objectionable manner ?—Yours etc.,

CITIZEN.

Ahmedabad.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

LONDON, May 15.

A German military spokesman quoted by the German radio on Thursday stated that the poison gas which the Rusians reported from the Crimea was probably emitted by mortar shells from "a new weapon" which was first used on the Kerch Peninsula on May 8.

"These shells", the spokesman added, "emit a poisonous gas when exploded although chemical substance had not actually been employed."—Reuter.

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Along with his letter of goodwill to General Omar Pai Cheng Hsi, Maulana Abul Kalam has sent two volumes of his great religious work "Tarjaman-ul-Quran."

As a counter-blast to the Muslim divine's present, somebody should send the Chinese leader those pontifical press and platform pronouncements which the Muslim community has been dealt during the last four or five years.

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It is announced from Washington that Colonel Louis Johnson is returning home owing to ill health.

It is feared in certain quarters across the Atlantic that the Colonel may report to the President someone else's malaise, too.

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BRITISH PRESS ON BURMA CAMPAIGN

—Headline

The inquest verdict, of course, is that it was all due to misadventure for which no one is to blame.

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The million and a half Home Guards, Britain's second line of defence, celebrated the second anniversary of their birth the other day.

We do hope Lord Linlithgow did not forget to send them an inspiring message of congratulations.

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American Congressmen are reported energetically to be demanding a second front.

The British reply would be "How about sending ships across the ocean along with the instructions?"

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Cairo reports that a number of enemy tank groups were attacked by the Eighth Army artillery and forced to withdraw.

Good. Splendid even.

But where are our tanks?

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The Japanese have announced the loss by torpedo attack of a large merchantship of theirs which was escorted by naval vessels.

We are greatly excited not at the torpedoing of the ship but at the admission of it.

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Mr. William Green, President of the A. F. of L, discloses that United States' production alone now exceeds the Axis output of tanks.

Then what are we waiting for? But sorry, we mustn't ask questions.

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"All the rage of Hitler and all the infamy of Vichy will be of no avail....."

— General de Gaulle.

It looks almost as if is going to be right in respect of Martinique.

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"The best thing you can do for baby is to give her a good dose of castor oil" said the doctor.

"But doctor", said Mrs. Up-to-Date, "castor oil is so old-fashioned."

"Well, madam" was the reply "so are babies."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A good roadbed is the best place for the tired wheel.

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All women are born to love and be loved, and they fight it out on that line.

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A fish diet may not strengthen the brain, but going fishing invigorates the imagination.

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Don't be hasty in jumping at a conclusion. You may not be able to collect on your accident policy.

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One married man says that the jaws of death are not to be compared with the "jaw" of life.

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The woman who shows her teeth and smiles will attain her object much quicker than the one who shows her teeth and growls.

U. S. PRODUCTION

NEW YORK, May 15.

The United States Production Chief, Mr. Donald Nelson, said in a speech on Thursday night: "Maximum production is going to be very much higher than we dared to hope last autumn. New factories ordered in the past two years are now coming into production and America is getting a huge volume of goods from them".

He gave this warning: "Americans cannot go on boosting production indefinitely Sooner or later we shall run into a deficiency of materials. From now on the crux of the war production programme will be an unending struggle with the double problem of time and materials."—Reuter.

Revised Newspaper Control Order

FURTHER REDUCTION IN MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PAGES, IN VIEW OF WORSENING OF SHIPPING SITUATION

NEW DELHI, May 16.

The Government of India have to-day issued a revised Newspaper Control Order effecting a further reduction in the maximum number of pages of newspapers, announces a Press note:

This has become necessary in view of the worsening of the shipping situation and the need for enforcing the most rigid economy in the consumption of newsprint.

Under the revised order, newspapers of the Standard Class A size selling at the minimum retail price of one anna will have only four pages at the maximum while newspapers of the Class B and Class C sizes selling at the same price will have six and eight pages respectively.

MINIMUM PRICE

In other words, a minimum price of one pice has been fixed for one page of Class A size, one and half pages of Class B size and two pages of Class C size and the maximum number of pages for dailies, weeklies, bi-weeklies, tri-weeklies and fortnightlies have been fixed proportionately on this basis for different sizes and prices.

In order to allow newspapers, a greater degree of latitude, the revised order fixes the maximum number of pages for all issued published in a period (e.g., a week in the case of dailies or four weeks in the case of weeklies) instead of for each individual issue. The weekly maximum for daily newspapers is fixed on the basis of a seven-day week and can be spread over six days by newspapers which are published on six days in a week and over seven days by those which are published on seven days in a week, all extra editions of a daily newspaper intended for sale in the same locality will be treated as additional issues for the purposes of the weekly maximum.

WEEKLY ISSUES

The Government of India wish to draw special attention to the effect of the order on the Sunday issues or other special weekly issues of daily newspapers. Daily newspapers which have registered their special weekly issues as separate newspapers will get a monthly quota (i.e., a quota for four weeks) in respect of their special weekly issue in addition to a weekly quota in respect of their other issues. Such newspapers will, consequently, get an additional allotment not admissible to those that have not registered their special weekly editions as separate newspapers.

The Government of India wish to make it known, however, that they have no objection to newspapers which were being normally published on seven days in a week during the twelve months ended 30th April, 1942 registering any one of their issues. With the necessary variation in name, as a separate newspaper, in order to get the benefit of the above concessions, provided such registration is affected not later than the first July.—A. P.

Deputy C.-in-C. For India

Sir Alan Fleming Hartley Appointed

NEW DELHI, May 15.

A press communique states:

The King has approved the appointment of General Sir Alan Fleming Hartley, to the post of Deputy Commander-in-Chief which has recently been created in India.

The creation of the new post became necessary, it is explained, in the light of increased responsibilities of the Commander-in-Chief himself in the sphere of military operations, General Wavell is in Supreme Command of the operations in Burma, and of the defence of Ceylon in addition to India. He has as recently indicated, to be away a good deal from headquarters.

It has thus been increasingly difficult for him to give full attention to the statutory responsibilities of the Commander-in-Chief and Defence Member in India.

The Commander-in-Chief will continue to be Defence Member and with him will remain ultimate responsibility, but he will be relieved by General Hartley of a good deal of routine work, particularly in the administrative sphere.

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief will be a member of the Council of State and will transact the normal business of the Central Legislature appertaining to the Commander-in-Chief. General Hartley will also be a member of the National Defence Council and Chairman of the Defence Consultative Committee. The Deputy Commander-in-Chief has been empowered to accept recommendations in the administrative sphere other than decisions on major policy, deal with disciplinary cases, dispose of appeals and make appointments up to Brigadier.

This does not imply, it is pointed out, that the Defence Member will cease to function as such in person. He will continue to do so and attend meetings of the Executive Council when is here. On special occasions, whenever possible, he will also attend the Council of State and address the national Defence Council and also attend the Consultative Committee.—A. P.

When Rajaji Secured Victory For Gandhiji

(Continued from Page 1.)

tion would join with neighbouring Muslim States of Iraq and Persia.

Opposition to the mass psychology of Muslims would only create trouble. He would have waited for twenty years for a settlement, but he could not wait now when the country was in danger. Unity, he said, had become an urgent question, but to those who wanted to be indifferent there was no problem to be solved. If they could bring about unity now other things would follow as night follows day.

NO REBEL

Mr. Rajagopalachariar adverted to Mahatma Gandhi's article in the "Harijan" on 6-4-1940 in this connection and said they could not subjugate Muslims nor could they appeal to any third party to keep them in subjugation. What was required now was united action, joint activities and joint Government at the Centre in a time of stress and difficulty. To-day the situation was not what it was three years ago.

He was being called a rebel. He was not asking them what the Congress had not asked them to do. He said the Delhi resolution of the Congress Working Committee had conceded the principle of self-determination to minorities.

Concluding, Mr. Rajagopalachariar said he went with his proposal to the A. I. C. C. meeting with high hopes, but it was defeated—defeated with a thumping majority. He was not down-hearted nor had he lost faith and courage. Had not the Prime Minister of England, Winston Churchill, be asked, faced England after the fall of Singapore?

"I am as earnest about this (his proposal) as Mr. Churchill is about the war."—A.P.

Brain Behind Congress

MASULIPATAM, May 14.

Dr. B. Pattabhi Sitaramayya in a speech here referred to the resignation of Mr. C. Rajagopalachari from the Working Committee and the rejection of his resolution by the A. I. C. C. Dr. Pattabhi said Mr. Rajagopalachari would have done well if he had dropped the matter there but he had chosen otherwise.

Referring to the recent A. I. C. C. decisions, Dr. Pattabhi said that three schools of thought could be clearly seen during the Allahabad discussions, one following Gandhiji's ideas, the second stipulating that India should take part in this war if she were made independent and the third inclining to the view that India should join the Allies unconditionally in their fight against aggression.

It might be hard, he said, to reconcile all these views into one. Gandhiji's draft resolution was thrice filtered down by the Working Committee and placed before the A. I. C. C. Gandhiji's view was that the Britisher should leave India to herself, that Indians should have the right to conclude any treaty, or agreement and that if Japan should invade India, Indians should resist the invasion by non-violent means.

RAJAJI'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Pattabhi paid a tribute to Mr. Rajagopalachari's intellect and said he was one who could read Gandhiji's mind and interpret it, and was believed by most people. He was one, who kept at bay in the Gaya Congress, the late Mr. C. R. Das and the late Pandit Motilal Nehru and secured a triumph for Gandhiji. Mr. Rajagopalachari's presence was felt everywhere in the counsels of the Congress and he was the pesons who seemed to have guided the High Command at almost every stage. Though he was against the Congress Ministries resigning, he was the first Premier to resign in defence to the view of the Working Committee.

Eight Enemy Planes Shot Down In Malta

CAIRO, May 15.

A Middle East communique states: "Objectives in Libya were raided, by bomber aircraft last night.

In the course of enemy raids on Malta on the morning of the same day our fighters shot down four "junkers 88s" and three Messerschmitt" 101's and a further "junker's 88" were destroyed by anti-aircraft artillery. One of our aircraft is missing from these operations."

QUAKE HAVOC IN ECUADOR

Details About Disaster Lacking: Hundreds Feared Killed And Injured

QUITO (Ecuador), May 15.

A disastrous earthquake lasting two minutes devastated part of the city of Guayaquil.

Casualties, according to the first reports, are estimated at several hundred killed and injured. Amongst the many buildings destroyed are the United States Consulate hotels, banks, etc.

The town of Milharo near Guayaquil was partially wiped out but details are lacking. The town of Esmerald was also partly destroyed according to news broadcast from Quito by a Panagra pilot.

Communication in Guayaquil and the surrounding districts was interrupted. The quake occurred at 2-15 a. m. (G.M.T.) to-day (Thursday).—Reuter.

QUAKE SHOCK

An earthquake shock of great intensity at its origin about 10,210 miles away was recorded by the seismograph, at the Colaba Observatory at 8 hours 3 mts. (I. S. T.) on Thursday (14th May.)

Shock Recorded At Calcutta

CALCUTTA, May 15.

An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin about 340 miles away was recorded by the Alipore seismograph at 7-39 p. m (I.S.T.) to-day.—A. P.

BAN ON SUBHAS' POSTER

The following appears in the Bombay Government "Gazette" (Extraordinary):—"Whereas in the opinion of the Government of Bombay the poster containing an outline of India encircling a picture of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and containing in Hindi the words *"Azad Hind Zindabad, Hamara Taranhar" (i.e.* Long Live Free India, Our Liberator) and in English the words "Our Liberator Subas Babu Zindabad" is a prejudicial report within the meaning of sub-rule (7) of rule 34 of the Defence of India Rules, 1939.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clauses *(d)* and *(e)* of sub-rule (1) of rule 40 of the said Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to prohibit the further publication, sale and distribution of the said poster and to declare to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies, wherever found, of the said poster.

SECURITY PRISONERS

Bengal Tribunal Starts Work

CALCUTTA, May 15.

The Tribunal appointed by the Government of Bengal to investigate the cases of security prisoners in the province has already started work. It is now considering the representations made by individual prisoners on their cases.

There are 262 such prisoners in various jails in the province, out of which the cases of 165 have been selected in the first instance to be dealt with by the tribunal. —A. P.

RELEASED BUT RE-ARRESTED

CALCUTTA, May 15.

Mr. Anil Roy, a prominent member of the All-India Forward Bloc, who had for some time been detained in police custody, was discharged to-day, but was later re-arrested under Rule 129 of the Defence of India Rules.

Three other youths who were also kept under police detention, were similarly released and re-arrested.—A. P.

Bengal Forward Bloc Worker In Custody

CALCUTTA, May 15.

The offices of the Bengal Provincial Forward Bloc and the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee (suspended) were raided by the special branch of the Calcutta Police to-day.

Mr. Ramani Mohan Goswami, Assistant Secretary of the Provincial Forward Bloc, was taken in police custody following a search of his residence.—A. P.

Security Prisoners In C. P. And Berar

NAGPUR, May 15.

The Provincial Government has issued order under the Defence of India Rules determining the conditions of detention of security prisoners.

Security prisoners have been divided into classes One and Two according to the state of their health and their education, status and mode of living before arrest. Subject to other provisions of the order, security prisoners of Class One and Two shall ordinarily (says the order) be treated in the same manner as laid down in the Jail Manual of C. P. and Berar for prisoners placed in Class B and Class C respectively under paragraph 72 of the Manual.—A. P.

EMERGENCY RULES IN QUEENSLAND DISTS.

CANBERRA:—Regulations were issued on Thursday night applying emergency control to the northern territory and certain districts of Queensland.—Reuter.

Axis Shipping Attacked

British Light Naval Units And Bombers Smash Up Enemy Convoy

LONDON, May 15.

An Admiralty 'communique' announces that two Axis armed trawlers were left sinking by British light naval forces last night. A light patrol on Wednesday Germans admit the loss of a torpedo-boat. Considerable other damage was undoubtedly inflicted One British light coastal craft did not return.

Running Fight

The 'communique' states: "British light naval forces continue to harrass enemy patrols and shipping which from time to time endeavour to creep along the Flemish and French coasts.

Last night our light forces encountered two enemy armed trawlers off the French Channel coast. They were at once engaged and both trawlers were left disabled and sinking. No casualties or damage were suffered by our forces in this brief engagement.

Our light forces encountered an enemy convoy close to the French coast. Weather conditions were very unfavourable for attack as there was continuous rain and rough sea, but our forces succeeded in penetrating the enemy's screen of escort vessels. A running fight followed in which an enemy ship was hit by a torpedo. The Germans have admitted that one of their torpedo-boats was sunk in this engagement. Considerable other damage and casualties were undoubtedly inflicted on the enemy, but weather conditions made it impossible to assess these with accuracy.

Reconnaissance next morning showed that the enemy was still searching for survivors. One of our light coastal craft did not return from this engagement and the Board of Admiralty regrets to announce that she must be considered lost. The next of kin have been informed.

Air Attack On Axis Ships

"British fighters attacked three German mine-sweepers off the north coast of Cherbourg Peninsula this afternoon", states the Air Ministry. "The minesweepers were first sighted and reported by reconnaissance aircraft. The attack which followed was made from low level by Spitfires and Hurricane bombers when the mine-sweepers were about four miles off the shore, steaming at ten knots in line in a westerly direction. One mine-sweeper was hit amidships and blew up. Another was set on fire and left sinking. The third was also hit and damaged. None of our aircraft are missing from this operations."

'NATIONAL HERALD' EDITOR CONVICTED

LUCKNOW, May 15.

Mr. K. Rama Rab, Editor of the "National Herald" was found guilty to-day by Mr. F. L. Smith, District and Sessions Judge, under Section 500 I. P. C. (defamation) and sentenced to six months' simple imprisonment and to pay Rs. 750 fine or in default to undergo three months' further imprisonment.

The fine, if realised is to be paid to Mr. C. S. Ledlie, Superintendent, Lucknow Camp Jail, (now abolished) who is the complainant as compensation.

The case was in respect of a news item published in the "National Herald" on August 24, 1941 under the heading "Jungle Law in Lucknow Camp Jail" and an editorial "Jail or Jungle" published in the "Herald" dated August 26.

The Judge's sentence is against the unanimous verdict of the assessors who found Mr. Rao not guilty.

Appeal Filed In Chief Court

Immediately after the pronouncement of judgment, Mr. R. K. Bahadurji, Counsel for Mr. Rama Rao, filed an appeal before Sir George Thomas, Chief Judge of the Oudh Chief Court, against the conviction by the Sessions Judge The Chief Judge ordered Mr. Rama Rao to be released on furnishing two securities of Rs. 2,000 each and a personal bond of Rs. 2,000 to the satisfaction of the District Magistrate.

Additional grounds of the appeal will be filed after obtaining a copy of the judgment.—A. P.

BRITISH REPLY TO SWEDISH PROTEST

LONDON, May 15.

The British Government's reply to the protest against the alleged breach of Swedish Armament Regulations has now been handed to the Swedish Minister in London for transmission to his Government. The Swedish protest followed upon the escape of certain Norwegian ships from Gothenburg.—Reuter.

Akola Congress Conference

BOMBAY, May 15.

The Akola District Congress Conference will be held on May 23 at Paras under the presidentship of Mr. S. K. Patil, General Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Congress.

The Conference will be opened by the Hon. Mr. Brijlal Biyani.

MADAGASCAR OPERATIONS

Full Story Of British 'Coup' From Commanders Of Expedition

LONDON, May 15.

A detailed account of the Madagascar operations has been given in a joint War Office and Admiralty 'communique' following the receipt of reports from Rear Admiral Syfret, Commander of the Expedition and Major-General R. G. Sturges, commanding the troops. The 'communique' says that the British force, arriving off the Courrier Bay at dawn on May 5 having been safely conveyed over a very long distance, found the approaches to the Bay heavily mined and considerable sweeping operations were necessary. During these the corvette 'Auricula' sank on a mine and it is expected that the casualties will be light. Troops, vehicles and stores were speedily disembarked despite the deteriorating weather. The first objective of the troops landed was the coastal battery overlooking Courrier Bay.

This battery, taken by surprise, was soon captured and troops advancing eastwards by 1,600 that day captured the town of Diego Suarez on the north side of the harbour. Another force, which had been landed simultaneously at Ambarata was advancing eastwards supported by tanks.

ADVANCE TROOPS HELD UP

A French Officer, captured soon after the landing, consented to carry to the District Commander the statement of British intentions and terms of surrender. At 11-00 British advance troops were held up by the defence on a high ground about five miles southwest of Antisirane. The attack was launched shortly afterwards, but the position was not finally cleared up until that evening. A strongly defended position across the Isthmus, about two miles south of Antisirane, which was contacted at 18-00 on May 5, was attacked without initial success at 05-30 the following morning. Naval forces, notably two destroyers, supported the land actions, bombarding the strong points when requested.

THE FINAL ASSAULT

After dark on May 6, the final assault on Antisirane was carried out with the help of reinforcements. Simultaneously with the attack at 20-00 a force of Royal Marines was landed in the rear of the defenders creating a valuable diversion and playing an important part in securing a speedy surrender of Antisirane. The destroyer which landed marines negotiated a mine-field, passed between shore batteries on either side of the narrow Orangia Pass and put alongside the quay of an unfamiliar port in the darkness and this was successfully carried out without casualties or damage. The main assault, which met with strong initial opposition, in the early stages relieved several pockets of British resistance which had been formed inside the enemy lines by the rapid infiltration of advance troops that morning. As the result it was found that the casualties were far lighter than at first feared.

AIRCRAFT PLAYS SUCCESSFUL PART

Carrier borne naval aircraft played a conspicuously successful part in the operations, depriving the defenders of air power by attack on the aerodrome and subsequently rendering support and co-operation to both naval and military forces. The following day the coast defence batteries on the Oranjia Peninsula surrendered and in the afternoon of May 7 the ship of Admiral Syfret's force, preceded by minesweepers, entered Diego Suarez harbour.—Reuter.

GORT'S BROADCAST

MALTA, May 14.

Broadcasting to the people of Malta on Thursday General Viscount Gort, the new Governor and Commander-in-Chief said, "People of Malta, I salute you. I am proud to have the great honour of being sent here by the King to do what I can to assist Malta forward to the great and glorious day when peace comes once more to this sorely tried but beautiful Island."

Gen. Gort said that Malta's George Cross had been accompanied by a letter written in the King's own hand and he had replied in a telegram sending their humble and loyal duty to the King.

In a message received from Lord Gort, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta, acknowledging receipt of the George Cross and the King's letter, he says, "The Gracious message of our Sovereign and the bestowal of the George Cross will serve as a constant inspiration to us all to remain steadfast in our duty and in our fixed determination to defend our fortress."

Chinese Goodwill Tourist For Bombay

NAGPUR, May 15.

Othman K. H. Woo who is conducting a goodwill tour of India on behalf of the Chinese Islamic National Salvation Federation is at present in Nagpur contacting prominent Muslims. He leaves for Hyderabad on May 17 and thence is proceeding to Bombay.

Mr. Woo told the Associated Press that Japan would never be able to defeat China.—A. P.

U. S. Army To Control Commercial Airlines

NON-ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO BE TERMINATED: BILL FOR CREATING WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ARMY CORPS SIGNED

WASHINGTON, May 15.

The War Department has announced that the army on President Roosevelt's instructions is taking over actual operation or control of all domestic airline planes numbering more than 300.

"All routes and services not regarded as essential to the war programme will be terminated," said the War department.

Air mail will be carried on the remaining routes but, "It may become necessary to curtail this service more at a later date."

The announcement said that the order was, "About to be put into effect" but gave no effective date.

Women's Auxiliary Army Corps

President Roosevelt has signed a bill creating a Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps and at the same time has issued an executive order providing for its organisation by the War Secretary.

Total enrolment for the present is not to exceed 25,000 according to the executive order although the bill authorises up to 150,000.

It is understood that a large number of women volunteers will be assigned to Aircraft Warning Service of the Interceptor Command. Generally, members of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps will relieve officers and enlisted men of many jobs which women can perform equally well. Thus, thousands of men needed on the war-fronts will be released for combat duty.

President Roosevelt stated that he could say nothing about reports that American troops had landed in Madagascar.

Commenting on the taking over by the War Department of the control of commercial airlines, President Roosevelt pointed out that Government needed all the planes it could get of every kind. The President said he was sure the people of the United States would understand the problem and co-operate. A large number of transport planes was being built for the Army and Navy but they were insufficient and more were needed.

The President admitted that this policy would probably affect the airmail service in the near future.

U. S. Beats Axis Tank Output

The fact that United States production of tanks now exceeds that of the Axis was disclosed by Mr. William Green, American President of Labour, in reporting on war production to his Executive Council.

He said that tank production this year had already surpassed output for the whole of 1941. The general production rate of all types of combat planes jumped more than 50 per cent. in four months.

More planes were now being produced each month than in the whole of 1939, when the programme of military aircraft production got under way.—Reuter.

AMERICAN AID TO RUSSIA

Roosevelt Asserts Supplies Are Proceeding Satisfactorily

WASHINGTON, May 15.

President Roosevelt announced that the total Lend-Lease aid in April to all countries amounted to 677 million dollars,, bringing the total from the inauguration of the programme in March 1941 to May 1, 1942 to 3,835 million dollars.

President Roosevelt asserted that shipments to Russia were proceeding satisfactorily. Lend-Lease aid has been rising steadily since the programme was started. In March 1941 it totalled 18 million dollars as again 518 million in March 1942. In April it was at the annual rate of over 8,000 million dollars compared with the rate of 4,000 million last December. Since the start of the programme the proportion of fighting weapons to food stuffs and raw materials has steadily increased and to-day the major part of supplies is in the form of finished munitions.

President Roosevelt pointed out that the distribution of guns, planes, ships and industrial materials between the American armed forces and industries and those of the Allies is made by military, naval and industrial experts "in a manner aimed at putting supplies to their most effective use in fighting our common enemies."—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN COAL STRIKE ENDS

CANBERRA, May 15.

All coal miners on strike have returned to work and all mines are operating. This was announced by the Prime Minister, Mr Curtin, amid applause in the House of Representatives to-day.—Reuter.

Maximum Length Of Cinematograph Film

NEW DELHI, May 15.

It is officially announced that no person shall produce or cause to be produced any cinematograph film the length of which exceeds 11,000 feet or any trailer the length of which exceeds 400 feet and that no person shall exhibit or cause to be exhibited in any one show for public entertainment any trailer or trailers made in India, the aggregate length of which exceeds 400 feet.

Provided that the Central Government may, where it is satisfied that special circumstances exist, exempt from this prohibition any cinematograph film or trailer in respect of which an application in writing is made to the Central Government in the Department of Commerce before the 15th June 1942.—A. P.

Mexico Protest To Axis

Sinking Of Ship Rouses Popular Discontent: Demand For War

MEXICO CITY, May 15.

Mexico may declare war on the Axis following the sinking of a Mexican tanker by an Axis U-Boat last Wednesday.

An official statement says that a very energetic protest has been sent to Germany, Italy and Japan demanding complete satisfaction and guarantees of compensation by May 28th. Failing this Mexico will take "measures dictated by national honour."

The Mexican Capital is seething with fury over the attack which is described in the Foreign Minister, Senor Padilla's, statement as "an act of aggression against the most elementary humanitarian principles" and demands are being made that the Government should declare war.

As Mexico has broken off relations with Axis powers, the Note has been forwarded via Sweden.

First Mexican Ship To Be Sunk

The news of the sinking of a Mexican Government-owned merchantman with the loss of thirteen, including the Captain and all deck officers, is released by the Navy Department. Twentytwo survivors landed at an east coast port. This is the first Mexican ship sunk by submarine since the war started.

The survivors stated that the neutral vessel was brightly lighted, with spotlights playing on the Mexican flags painted on either side of the bridge. Many people ashore heard an explosion and thousands at one of the United States most famous beach resorts watched the flaming vessel float past from the shore.—Reuter.

MARTINIQUE PARLEYS

Laval Move Fails: America Hopeful Of Successful End Of Talks

WASHINGTON, May 15.

The Martinique conversations are understood here to be proceeding in "a friendly atmosphere" and there is no reason to doubt that the United States will receive satisfaction on the main points raised. These are believed to be:

Firstly, the "lease" of 140,000 ton French shipping including seven tankers;

Secondly, the "lease" of strategic points, and,

Thirdly, control of foreign communications including the radio at Martinique.

A complete agreement, it is hoped here, will be reached through friendly talks. At any rate it can safely be stated that M. Laval has failed completely in his attempt to take a hand in the negotiations which were initiated in the best interests of France.

Contrary to inspired press reports from Vichy there is no "Note" from M. Laval to the United States Government. This explains insistence of Mr. Cordell Hull in emphasising that the State Department is dealing with Admiral Robert only. The impression prevails in diplomatic circles that in accenting "immobilisation" of three French warships at Martinique M. Laval showed his anxiety not to break with the United States which obviously means that Germany does not want a break. —Reuter.

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GOVT. WARNS SPECULATORS

No Increase In Maximum Wholesale Control Price Contemplated

NEW DELHI, May 15.

According to press reports, rumours have been put about in certain quarters that Government is contemplating an increase in the maximum wholesale control price says a Press Note.

It would appear that this rumour amongst other causes has contributed to the recent bullish feature of the Wheat markets in general, and Hapur Market in particularly.

Government wishes to take this opportunity to state categorically that there is no foundation for this rumour whatever.

When the wholesale maximum price was raised from Rs. 4/6 to Rs. 5/-, it was clearly stated that this maximum price would rule till the end of the wheat season. The object raisng the maximum price was to enable the normal adjustments to take place so that it may be possible for dealers to sell wheat at Rs. 5/- per maund towards the end of the season. Speculators who push up prices in this manner by spreading about unfounded rumours do little service in the end to themselves or to the wheat by these tactics. Should Government find that normal conditions are not restored in these markets and that unnecessary firming up of prices due to speculation activities shows no relaxation, Government will be forced to contemplate the suppression of the undisciplined and ill-conducted bodies indulging in speculation.—A. P.

INDO-BRITISH LABOUR FRONT?

For Intensification Of Production

CALCUTTA, May 15.

The Indian Federation of Labour has requested the British Trade Union Congress to send out a delegation to India.

It will be recalled that the Executive Committee of the Indian Federation of Labour which met recently at Delhi appealed in the same strain to the British Trade Union Congress to send a deputation to this country in order to enthuse brother workers in India to intensify production in this critical period and also to establish a lasting bond of comradeship between working classes of India and Britain so that the future interests of labour might be guaranteed in the post-war period.—A. P.

TAPPING INDIA'S MINERAL RESOURCES

Geological Survey To Have Utilisation Branch

NEW DELHI, May 15.

The decision of the Government of India to establish a utilisation branch of the Geological Survey marks an important stage in the development of India's mineral resources, says a Press note.

At present, the Geological Survey discovers mineral resources, it will now by the formation of the Utilisation Branch be able to carry the work a stage further and show the ways in which the less well-known of India's mineral resources can be utilised to the full.

The country is being searched for minerals essential for war purposes and deposits which have visited for many years are now being re-examined.

The new Utilisation Branch, under the general supervision of the Director of Geological Survey, will be concerned with providing deposits and with small scale mining operations and the construction and operation of experimental and even pilot plants for smelting etc. these experiments will be continued till it is clear that large scale production can be undertaken by an ordnance factory or by a commercial firm.

Although this organisation has been set up to explore India's war potential in minerals, it will also make an important contributon to India's postwar potential and may well become a permanent part of the geological survey of India.—A. P.

World Of Sport: Home And Abroad

Hindu Gymkhana's Sporting Gesture

(BY LOOKER-ON.)

An event of the utmost importance to the sporting life of Bombay took place on Tuesday last. The scene was the P. J. Hindu Gymkhana at the Kennedy Sea Face. There was a special general meeting to consider the proposal of its Managing Committee to open its doors to the Muslims and Parsees. It may be recalled that only a year ago a resolution moved by Mr. J. C Maitra to admit non-Hindus as Associate Members of the Gymkhana was ruled out of order by Mr. Shantaram A. Shete the President. Now the same Mr. Shete and his Committee were prepared to admit non-Hindus "en bloc" as Honorary Members of the orthodox institution. The difference between the two proposals is this that Mr. Maitra wanted the Associate Members to pay the usual subscriptions, while the Committee would allow them to play all games free of charge.

NEIGHBOURLY FEELING

This sudden change of attitude on the part of the Committee is due to the position in which the members of the Parsee and Islam Gymkhanas have been placed by the occupation of their Pavilions by the Government. Neighbourly feeling impelled them to make the offer. There was, however, a fly in the ointment. The Committee invited the Parsee and Islam Gymkhanas to nominate 60 and 40 members respectively to be enrolled as Honorary Members for the Emergency period. The reason for these restrictions was said to be want of accommodation. Mr. Maitra is reported to have pointed out to the meeting the impracticability of the proposition. Certainly it would have been very difficult, if not impossible for these Gymkhanas to select the requisite numbers from among their members.

BARRIER REMOVED

It appears that Mr. Maitra's appeal for a more generous gesture went home and his amendment to remove the restriction was accepted by the mover of the resolution, Mr. Bhogilal C. Shah, apparently on behalf of the Committee. Thereafter it did not need much explanation to get the amended proposition through by an overwhelming majority. I have no doubt the members of the afflicted Gymkhanas would cordially accept the offer. At last the long-standing barrier has been broken—and let us hope for ever. I fail to understand why we should have such water-tight compartments in sport especially in a cosmopolitan city like Bombay. It does not exist in any other enlightened city in India. Therefore, the blemist which the premier city suffers from, must be removed once for all. If members of all communities can freely mix and play together in the C. C. I. Willingdon, Radio and other clubs in the city, is there any reason why they should not be in these institutions? Commonsense tells us that cosmopolitanism is more natural and healthy to sport than narrow communalism.

W. I. Championship

EASY WIN FOR TATA SPORTS

The contest between Tata Sports Club and G. Claridge and Co.'s team in the Western India Football Championship Tournament proved to be a rather one-sided affair, the former winning by 5 goals to nil.

Tatas scored four goals in the initial moiety. In the second half added only one to the tally, although the Claridge's goalie was unable to play owing to an injury. The losers were unable to reduce the margin even though they were offered a spot kick.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

4-30 p.m. Greek Navy v. City Police.
5-50 p.m. Royal Navy v. South Kanara 'A'

CALCUTTA FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCHES

CALCUTTA, May 15.

The following are the results of the matches played in the First Division of Calcutta Football League to-day:—

Bhowanipur 3, Customs nil.
Aryans 2, Kalighat nil.—A. P.

HOME GUARDS TO FIGHT FASCISM

Appeal To Pioneer Of British Movement To Visit India

CALCUTTA, May 15.

On behalf of the Radical Democratic Party, National Democratic Union and the Indian Federation of Labour, an appeal has been made to Mr Tom Wintringham, the Leader of the International Brigade in Spain and pioneer of the Home Guard movement of Britain, to visit India and to give training to thousands of determined anti Fascists so that they could mobilise the people and train them on the model of English Home Guards to give a death blow to the Fascist marauders.

Meanwhile, the three organisations have undertaken to complete the preliminary preparations.—A. P.

Sangli Assembly

SANGLI, May 15.

The Budget Session of the Sangli Legislative Assembly will be held on 25th May.

The Rajasahib of Sangli has appointed Rao Bahadur Ganesh Hari Gokhale from Nagpur as the new President of the Assembly. Rao Bahadur Gokhale is the first non-official President of the Sangli Assembly.—A. P.

Lessons Of Air Raids In Vizag And Cocanada

Civil Defence Authorities Studying Behaviour Of Civilian Population

NEW DELHI, May 15.

Details of the air raids in Vizagapatam and Cocanada of April 6 are being studied by the Civil Defence Authorities in an effort to judge the applicability of the lessons garnered from them to similar situations elsewhere in the country.

The difference in the general behaviour of the population in the two towns in the face of raids, which are described as "miserably weak affairs," is one of the first points noted. People stood up to it better in Cocanada than in Vizagapatam, it is said here, although in Vizagapatam, there was no actual raid at all.

What raid there was occurred two miles away towards the sea, and was incidental, the Japanese planes having come over in pursuit of a ship which was trying to take shelter.

ESSENTIAL LABOUR FLIGHT.

Nevertheless, out of a population of 75,000 barely 25,000 were left in Vizagapatam before anything had happened. Soon after the raids, the population had thinned down But there was no panic in either town. The exodus appears to have been a deliberate and ordered proceeding. In Vizagapatam, the essential labour and most of the directing staff of the municipality and the power house left. But Mr. V. E. Lazarus, the Divisional Electrical Engineer and the head of the power house, worked heroically for sixteen hours with one faithful assistant, doing the stoking himself; and Mr. M. P. Rama Reddy, the Congress chairman of the Municipality, stayed and was constantly about.

NO FOOD AVAILABLE.

After the raid, no food was on sale in the city for four days, as all the banias and eating house keepers had locked their doors and gone. A few opened their shops on April 10.

The District Magistrate, therefore, commandeered stocks and established eating depots, getting cooks from the countryside through tehsildars. The raid showed, it is emphasised, here, that the District Magistrate, in an emergency must be prepared to assume complete charge of the situation, and become a sort of dictator.

Again in Vizagapatam, the A.R.P. forces that were in two large depots on full-time pay, constantly disciplined in training and with rations available, carried on as a body, but the voluntary part of the A.R.P. services disappeared. If this is any guidance for the future, it is thought that the voluntary system of wardens and workers should be discarded and paid personnel should take their place.

In Cocanada, as in Vizagapatam, no bombs were dropped on the main part of the town. In Cocanada, raids were made on vessels entering the port, but with negligible damage.

This, it is said, shows that in both the towns, the Japanese confined their bombing to military objectives, and the general experience is that this is what they do, unless they see collections of people in the open. If, therefore, town dwellers take cover during an air raid, they are not likely to be attacked at all and have little to fear.

A section of the A.R.P. service is the communication service. This consists of messengers, telephone operators, etc., the messengers provide a link between A.R.P. control and report centres, wardens, etc., experience in Vizagapatam emphasises the value of a good messenger service.

RADIO DETECTOR.

No explanation is available of how the population in the two towns foresaw the raids and left their homes in anticipation of them. It is pointed out that without a radio detector, which can detect approaching enemy aircraft about a hundred miles away, no adequate previous warning is possible in coastal towns. Some detectors of this kind are now available in India and more are expected.—A. P.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT & A.R.P.

Question Of Co-ordination And Its Scope Discussed

BOMBAY, May 15.

The question of co-ordinating the National War Front and A R P. organisations and the means and scope of such co-ordination were discussed at a meeting held at the University Convocation Hall on Friday evening when the heads of both the organisations were present. Most of the city's principal members of the A. R. P. Wardens' Service were present.

Mr. Masani addressing the wardens said that the A. R. P. and the National War Front must devise a machinery for co-ordination if a great deal of overlapping was to be avoided. He suggested that the National War Front divisions and sub-divisions may be identical with those of the A. R. P. and asked whether any A. R. P. divisional warden was in a position also to undertake the work of a director of the National War Front.

In the discussion that ensued, Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, Mr. Symington, A. R. P controller and a number of wardens participated. It was decided that a further meeting of divisional wardens should be held next week to thrash out details.—A. P.

A.-I. Depressed Classes Conference

NAGPUR, May 15.

The All-India Depressed Classes Conference will be held in Nagpur during the first week of June Dr. B. R. Ambedkar presiding.—A. P.

VICHY:—A dispatch from the Vichy correspondent in Paris announces the death of M. Charles Houssaye, formerly Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the French Havas News Agency. M. Houssaye retired from the Agency immediately after the armistice in June, 1940.

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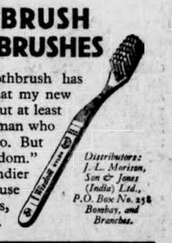

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Governor Takes In Hand Maintenance Of Defence Societies

LUCKNOW, May 15.

A press note issued by the U. P. Government states:—

"Recent developments have brought into prominence the problem of the maintenance of law and order in the rural areas.

Although there is at present no marked deterioration in the crime situation and no cause for undue anxiety, and although steps are being taken to strengthen both the regular police force and the number of village chaukidars, Government feel that village people should be encouraged to organise themselves for self-defence against dacoits and goondas.

The Governor has therefore decided to foster the spirit of self-defence by encouraging existing village defence societies in all possible ways and by the creation of new societies in districts where they do not exist.

A reliable leader for each society is obviously essential and it will only be possible to form societies where such a leader is available.

Arrangements will be made wherever possible to provide some members with fire-arms while some other members may be exempted from restrictions imposed by the Arms Act in regard to carrying of spears.

These societies will provide the village with an opportunity to do work of real value for their own village communities and Government hope that many of them will come forward to take advantage of this opportunity.—A. P.

MADRAS CITY BUS DISPUTE

Labour Commissioner To See Arbitrator's Award Implemented By Owners

MADRAS, May 15.

The findings of the Hon'ble Sir Sidney Burn, Judge of the Madras High Court in the City bus dispute are announced in a Press "communique" issued by the Government of Madras to-day.

On the issue whether the bus owners correctly interpreted and kept generally to the terms of the award of the Labour Commissioner dated 28th April, 1941, the Arbitrator holds the view that some of the terms of the Award have been misinterpreted by the owners and some have not been observed.

In some cases it was not possible for the owners to adhere to the terms of the Award and in some they were making preparations to do so when the strike broke out.

As regards the second term of reference the Arbitrator states the circumstances in which the strike was started do not justify the advice given to the owners by the Government in their 'communique' of July last that workers who have not been convicted of crimes of violence should be taken back to employment.

Government have now withdrawn that 'communique' and have decided to take no further part in the dispute beyond directing the Labour Commissioner to see that the owners implement this award in regard to payment of a monthly allowance of one rupee to conductors and a washing allowance and to frame a clear workable scheme of 'days off' that shall be in accordance with his Award.

As the owners bound themselves to abide by the terms of the Arbitrator's findings, it is presumed there will be no further difficulty about this.—A. P.

Nowrosjee Wadia Maternity Hospital

The report of the working of the hospital for the year 1941, show that there were 5,813 child births the highest record being in the month of October, viz. 615 births. During the year under report 77 final-year students from the Seth Gordhandas Sunderdas Medical College, conducted 1,540 labour cases, while 59 final-year students from the Grant Medical College conducted 758 labour classes. In addition to this 16 students from the Medical School, Hyderabad (Sind) conducted 758 labour classes. Fifteen post-graduate students availed themselves of the facilities for post-graduate work and practical training in Obstetrics.

On the whole, the general health of the nursing staff was good, in spite of the heavy work almost throughout the year. In the Pathological Department 7,851 cases were admitted and 3,763 cases were examined in the Laboratory. Blood of 450 patients was sent to the Haffkine Institute for Wassermann and Kahn's tests. 33,574 patients attended the out-patient department.

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Candidates should fill in the application form in accordance with the instructions given therein and forward it to the office of the Secretary, Licensing Board, so as to arrive not later than June 15. Applications received on or after June 15 will not be accepted.

Those candidates who appeared and failed in any previous Examination should please state the centre, number and the year of the Examination for quick reference.

The certificates in support of practical experience must necessarily be in Form "E" specified in the Rules.

Why Delay Congress-League Unity Parleys

Truce For The Duration Of The War Is The Immediate Need Of The Hour, Says Dr. Syed Mahmud

NEW DELHI, May 15.

Dr. Syed Mahmud has issued the following statement:—

"The controversy over Mr. C. Rajagopalachari and Mr. Jagatnarain's resolutions, seems to be destined to continue, until either the Congress and the League agree, or some great upheaval occurs to wipe out wordy warfare. I was prevented by illness from attending the last meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Congress Committee. I have noted with grief the departure of Mr. C. Rajagopalachari from the Working Committee no less than the reasons for his resignation. Political controversies in times of peace may be the very salt of life. But when grave perils threaten to overwhelm all alike, it is an unpardonable sin to allow hypothetical fears to eclipse the real and gruesome happenings which confront us to-day. Hindu-Muslim and generally communal unity is one of the cardinal principles of the Congress policy.

"The country never stood in greater need of it than it does to-day. No humiliation and no national misfortune is more real than disunity. Surely a truce for the duration of the war is the most immediate need of the hour. To that end, the President of the Congress has taken the first step and publicly declared that the representatives of the two political organisations the Congress and the League should meet and discuss the country's situation with a view to finding a common basis for action. This end, if achieved, will pave the way for wider consultations, and it will surely lead to fruitful results in every field of activity. If America, England and Russia can combine for common action against common dangers, it is nothing but a misfortune passing comprehension that two big political organisations which have it in their power to sway large sections of the Indian population should stand apart and simply look askance at one another. As every one knows, had Cripps' negotiations not been scrapped for some mysterious reasons, the Congress and the League were bound to come together to assume power, the League securing an effective share.

ACRIMONY MUST GO

Now that the British Government have contented themselves with gaining the dubious honour of international debate, is there any reason why the closest bonds should not be forged between popular political organisations to face the impending perils to all? We must still the voice of acrimony, and controversy and get on with the imperative job of establishing a fruitful understanding between all political organisations. One hears that Mr. Jagatnarain's resolution is believed in certain quarters to have erected a barrier between the Congress and the League. Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru took pains to explain in their speeches that Mr. Jagatnarain's resoltion did not affect the Delhi resolution, in which it is clearly stated that the Congress cannot think in terms of compelling any territorial unit against its established and declared will to remain within the Indian union. Quite obviously one may dislike and refuse to agree to part with one's brother. But one may at the same time refuse to resort to coercive methods. The Congress has clearly repudiated the use of force in such an event. Further still, the League has already expressed its willingness to postpone all major questions relating to the future, and to reach an understanding with the others regarding the immediate present.

JOINT CONFERENCE

"So far as one can see, there is no rational basis for the postponement of a joint conference of the representatives of the two organisations. The responsibility of those who are expected to guide the destiny of millions is very heavy and I can only pray that a speedy result may crown the efforts of those who desire to see the country act as one man in this dark hour".—A. P.

TAMIL NAD WELCOMES CONGRESS LEAD

Rajaji Present At P. C. C. Meeting

MADRAS, May 15.

A resolution welcoming the decisions arrived at by the All-India Congress Committee at its recent Allahabad meeting was adopted unanimously by the Working Committee of the Tamil Nad Provincial Congress Committee at its meeting held in Congress House to-day.

The meeting was convened to consider the present Indian and international situation and the resolutions adopted by the A. I. C. C. at Allahabad.

Out of the total strength of 20 members, 14 were present.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar was present on special invitation.

By another resolution, the Committee endorsed the suggestion made by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, at the A. I. C. C. meeting of nominating five representatives of the Congress to meet five representatives of the Muslim League to explore methods of achieving Hindu-Muslim unity in order to face the present and impending future critical situation. The Committee urged the Congress President and the Congress Working Committee to take immediate steps to put into effect this plan.

It is understood the Committee discussed the A. I. C. C. decisions and Mr. Rajagopalachariar's stand for over two hours, in the course of which Rajaji explained his view point. Mr. Satyamurthi led the opposition.

The Committee, it is further understood, discussed plans to put into effect the A. I. C. C. decisions and the question of issuing instructions to Congressmen and public all over the Province in this behalf.—United Press.

EUROPEANS' OFFER TO RAJAJI

MADRAS, May 15.

A declaration that if Mr. Rajagopalachari comes into power at the head of a representative National Government in Madras "pledged to throw their whole weight into the world fight for freedom", the Europeans shall give all the help in their power, was made by Mr. G. H. Hodgson, outgoing Chairman of the European Association, South Indian Branch, presiding over the annual general meeting of the association.

CO-ORDINATION BOARD FOR BIHAR

For Maintenance Of Internal Security

PATNA, May 15.

A step forward in the matter of bringing about unity among the leading political organisations in the country was taken when prominent men representing the Congress, the Muslim League, the Hindu Mahasabha and the National War Front met informally here last evening and jointly decided to adopt common programme relating to internal security in face of common danger facing the country.

It was unanimously decided to form a co-ordination board with the object of co-ordinating the activities of different organisations working to maintain internal security in view of situation created by the war having drawn closer to India.—A. P.

Dust Storm Sweeps Over Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD, May 15.

A violent dust storm accompanied by rain occurred this evening for about half an hour uprooting trees and blowing off roofs of houses. A woman who was injured was admitted into the hospital.—A. P.

Satyamurthi On Duty Of Loyal Congressmen

MADRAS, May 15.

The Indian National Congress was the only non-communal and political organisation representing the masses of the people fighting for the freedom of the country, and in these very critical days, it was the duty of every patriotic and loyal Congressman to see that the power, prestige and influence of the Congress were not lowered in the name of propagating difference of opinion on certain issues, said Mr. S. Satyamurthi addressing a public meeting at the Ranade Hall to-night on "the National Congress and our duty."

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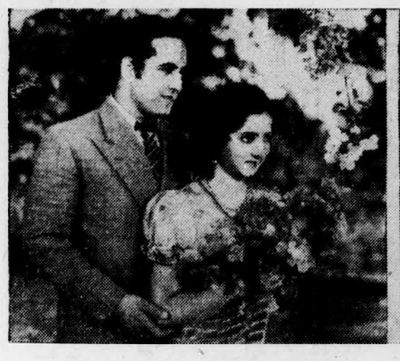

Ulhas and Mumtaz Shanti in 'Basant' shortly coming from Bombay Talkies Studio; Ishwarlal and Madhuri in "Mehman' at Royal Opera House.

"RAI SAHEB" AFFORDS WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT

Janak Pictures' Maiden Social Hit At Lamington

"Rai Saheb", Janak Pictures maiden social hit will be released to-day at Lamington Talkies. It is a gallant effort and a great enterprise of producer Chhotubhai Desai. It affords wholesome entertainment. The story and direction are by Mr. S. M. Yusoof. Mr. Yusoof's brilliant direction is greatly responsible for making this picture very lively.

'Rai Saheb' narrates a very interesting tale of a producer, publicist and a puritan. Manorama is married but she is not happy. She then becomes artiste Shobha chaperoned by her only friend Maya. Maya once comes to learn of Shobha's taking fancy to a young man Ramesh, and on her suggestion Shobha put this youth to a severe test which results into quarrel and separation. Producer Motubhai brings Rai Saheb to the theatre where he meets Shobha. Rai Saheb invites Shobha to his residence where both take a vow to marry. Shobha has also promised Ramesh to marry. The problem then becomes difficult to solve but later incidents show that Ramesh is none else but Shobha's husband. Rai Saheb has a brilliant cast. Jagdish is fine as Rai Saheb, Kausalya dexterously plays the triple role of Manorama, Lila and Shobha. Trilok Kapoor acquits well as Ramesh and Prakash. Ratanbai is marvellous as Maya Gope and Mirza Musharaf provide wit and humour.

PANCHOLI MAKES MORE STARS

"Khan-Daan" Is Productive Show

Mr. Dalsukh Pancholi is a "total producer." He is not of that class of movie makers who have discovered a single secret of entertainment and go on turning the same coin front and back before the public every time. With just two productions, Mr. Pancholi has done most of the things that a producer strives to gain credit for. He has conquered the box-office, and at the same time has maintained a high artistic standard, showing that synthetic entertainment need not be devoid of originality.

Mr. Pancholi's current picture "Khan-Daan" is completely illustrative of these facts. Most noticeable, perhaps, are mantle of stardom so surely placed on Noor Jehan; the demonstration of Manorama's versatility: and the introduction of promising artistes like Ibrahim. Prasad Kishan and Baby Akhtari. Even the stalwart veteran Gulam Mahomed gains in stature in "Khan-Daan."

Bengali Film At Lamington

On Sunday the 17th May there will be a morning show at 10 a. m. of Shree Bharat Laxmi Pictures' Bengali Film, "Avatar", starring Durga Dass Bannerji, Ahin Chowdhury, Panna and Jyotsna. The film, which has a socio-mythological story, enjoyed a very successful run in Bengal.

Bharati and Ashit Baran in 'Saugand' coming to Krishna to-day.

"Basant": The Last Lap

Mumtaz Ali Makes The Pace

Where and when Bombay Talkies propose releasing their latest picture "Basant," is yet a studio secret. "Jhoola" is firmly rooted at the Roxy, and by the time it becomes due for withdrawal yet another production should be ready for the screen. It is quite on the cards, then, that "Basant" will go to another theatre very soon.

There is no secret about it, that the picture itself is virtually ready. Director Amiya Chakrabarty, strong hand at planned work and a firm believer in time-tables, has his reels ready—except for a few dance scenes on which work is rapidly progressing. It shouldn't be more than a matter of days before "Basant" takes its censor certificate.

The work that now remains to be done, is among the most vital part of "Basant." Three artistes are concerned in it—Mumtaz Shanti and Pramila doing the dance numbers, and Mumtaz Ali composing, directing and taking part in the dances.

By all accounts, Mumtaz Ali is in his best form. To this veteran dance artiste and instructor, dance is not merely a profession; it is part of his very being. He has an important role in "Basant"; so he insisted on all his scenes being done, in fact the entire film being completed, so he would be free to concentrate on the dances without distraction. He has had his way. "Basant" is completed, minus the dances; and Mumtaz Ali has taken the dances in hand.

Two factors have whetted his interest. The dance lyrics, composed by Santoshi, he has found to be expressive to a very helpful degree. And in Mumtaz Shanti and Pramila, he has found artistes as devoted to the art as himself.

"Station Master" At Minerva

Since its release on Saturday last at the Minerva Talkies, Prakash's latest screen offering "Station Master" is pacing ahead and now enters second week of its run.

The story depicts the varied aspects of the life of a Railway official who, after years of his brilliant and satisfactory record in offering his services for the safety of the people ultimately falls into penury, his esteemed daughter falling in love tangle, which terminates into troubles reaching abnormal heights, and the mess resulting therefrom.

Well presented and acted with understanding and realism, the story goes fast and soon establishes the major points of interest which hold the audience gripping. "Station Master" is directed by C. M. Luhar, who has shown mastery of handling the varied situations of the story. It has a cast headed by Prem Adib, Ratnamala, Jagdish Sethi playing in stellar roles, supported by Umakant, Jeevan, Shakir, Kaushalya. Amir Karnataki, Protima Devi and many others.

Prakash has achieved a remarkable reputation on the screen land after their 'Narsi Bhagat' and 'Bharat Milap' and their latest "Station Master" is a new departure from old and established way of production.

'Phir Milenge' In Editing Room

Minerva's "Phir Milenge" is now in the editing room. It is a story of conflict between the ideas and ideals of the old and the young. Sardar Akhtar, Sadiq Ali and Meena are starred in this new vehicle of Sohrab Modi's art.

"Saugand" Next Saturday At Krishna

New Theatres 'Saugand' which was to have come to-day at Krishna Talkies will come there next Saturday. 'Apna Ghar' therefore continues for another week.

RANJIT'S ENTERTAINING SOCIAL "THE GUEST"

Draws Crowds In 2nd Week At Opera House

The 'Guest' enters into its 2nd week at Royal Opera House amidst cheerful crowded houses. The 'Guest' features Madhuri, Ishwarlal, Shamim, Rama Shukul and Mubarak, Khemchand, Prakash is responsible for its popular and melodious music.

The story runs that Dinanath, the Barrister gets Lila acquitted of murder charge and in return she agrees to stay at Dinanath's place to help him to save his daughter from Romesh, a romantic guy who shadows girls for gold. Lila poses as Chanda and saves Ramila but then she finds that she is in love with Ashok, the only son of Dinanath and here the puzzle and struggling in love start. The story then takes turn effecting a fresh trial, is mixed with misunderstanding and separation but it ends very happily. It will be a great treat to make a date with the 'Guest.'

"Jhoola" Holds On At Roxy

Bombay Talkies are ready with another picture, yet their "Jhoola" continues to run at Roxy. Judging by the houses that this popular musical comedy continues to secure, it may not yield place till yet another production is completed at Malad.

The star pair Leela Chitnis and Ashok Kumar caught the imagination of the public in "Kangan", and has since gone up in public favour by leaps and bounds. Neither has there been anything within recent memory to match those songs and tunes by Pradeep, nor those dances by Mumtaz Ali, which are a prime attraction of "Jhoola".

"Society" In 7th Week

Hind Pictures "Society" continues its onward march in public estimation as is evidenced by the crowds that gather at the gates of the Novelty Theatre—where the picture is running for the 7th week.

"Do clothes make the Man?—"Is man born for society or is society meant for man?" These are the two questions very cleverly tackled by Producer-Director Nazir in this picture.

Sitara has put in the best performance of her career in the picture—while Nazir, Alaknanda, Majjid and others give good performances.

"Return Of Toofan Mail"

Ranjit-Wadia production 'Return of Toofan Mail' affords wholesome entertainment. The story is by Aspi. It is full of popular elements like hilarious comedy, charming music and powerful story full of love, romance, action and suspense. It is brilliantly directed by Aspi.

"Return of Toofan Mail" presents popular team of Aroon and Shamim ably supported by Jagdish, F. Dastur, Hari Shivdasani, Dixit Ghory etc. It has entered into fourth week at Super from this Saturday.

Maya Devi and Wasti in 'Avaz' released yesterday at Swastik.

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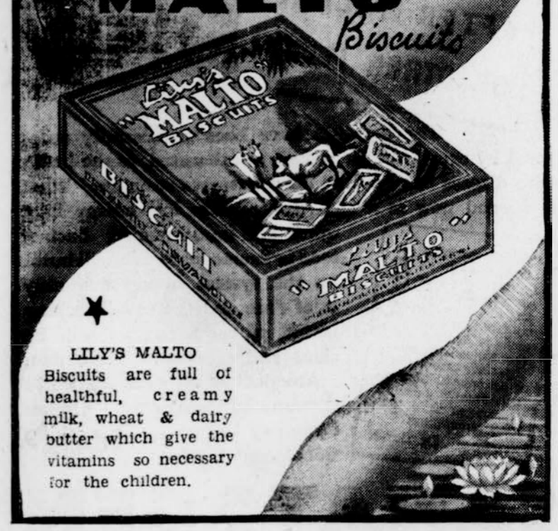

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The Pragji Thackercy Mooljl Science Scholarship has been awarded to No. 230.

ONE ACCUSED FINED, ANOTHER ACQUITTED

Mr. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, delivered judgment on Friday in the case in which Nagji Cooverji and Narsi Harjiwan stood charged with accepting race bets in a public place on January 24, 1942.

The first accused was found guilty of the charge and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 200 in default one month's simple imprisonment.

The Magistrate stated that regarding the sentence, he took into consideration that the first accused made a clean breast of the matter and did not waste the time of the Court. He also appeared to the repentant.

The Magistrate agreed with the contention advanced by Mr. B. D. Wagh, who appeared for the second accused, that there was no evidence against Narsi Harjiwan and therefore acquitted him.

The prosecution case was that the police sent a bogus punter to the first accused who was seen accepting race bets on January 24, 1942 near Palton Road Corner.

On a signal given by the bogus punter, the police hastened to the spot and arrested the first accused. The police recovered marked coins, several race chits and about Rs. 140 from the first accused.

The second accused, who was seated on a chair near the first accused was also arrested. The first accused pleaded guilty.

Mr. Wagh who appeared for the second accused, pointed out that the police did not recover any incriminating materials from the second accused and there was no evidence at all to connect him with the case.

The Magistrate agreed with the defence contention and acquitted Narsi Harjiwan.

INSANE GIRL'S FATAL JUMP

BOMBAY, Friday.

Kamalabai Mikasen (22) unmarried and of deranged mind alleged to have jumped from the fourth floor of Mikasen Building, 4th Khetwadi Lane, into the gutter, it was stated, in a fit of insanity. She was found dead in the Sweeper's Lane.

At the inquest held to-day, it was recorded by the Bombay coroner that the death was caused by fracture of skull with laceration of brain due to suicidal jump while in a state of mental derangement.

OFFICE THEFTS IN FORT

There has lately been a recrudescence of thefts from offices, mostly in the Fort area and three persons whose ages range between 18 and 25 years and who wear coats, shirts and trousers and speak English, are suspected to have been responsible for the thefts which are mostly in respect of purses and fountain-pens etc. from the coats of Office workers. In one case these three persons entered the Offices of a Printing and Publicity concern at Ballard Estate and presented a card bearing the name of a local cloth merchant, saying that they had been instructed to meet a contractor from the firm in that Office. They waited in the office for some time while members of the Office staff were busily engaged in their work and after some time, went away.

Shortly after their departure the Printing Manager of the firm found that the pocket of his coat which was hanging on a nail behind his table, had been "Picked" and a purse containing Rs. 60 was missing. A some-what similar ruse was practised by these criminals in a furniture dealers Showroom at Custom House Road, while a third case suggestive of their "Modus Operandi" was reported from a Silversmith's shop in the Mumbadevi locality. The Police warn Office workers and shopkeepers against the activities of this thieving trio and request any one to whose notice they may come, to get in touch with the police without delay. Telephonic connection with all city police stations can be obtained through the police exchange (No. 39811)—"Police News."

Coroner's Verdict On Deceased Burglar

BOMBAY, Friday.

At the inquest held on the body of an unknown person, the Bombay Coroner recorded that the death was caused by shock and haemorrhage as a result of a stab wound in the chest cutting the innominate vein.

This wound may have been the result of a life and death struggle between the deceased who was evidently a burglar armed with a clasp knife on one side and the witness Dr. Deshpande and his brother on the other side, or it may have been inflicted by some one who having heard of the severe stabs inflicted by the burglar on that Dr Deshpande and the witness Mr Saxena had attacked him with a knife to disable and catch him.

The incident occurred in the early hours of May 9 when Dr Deshpande and his brother are alleged to have been assailed by the deceased and another man with the object of burglary.

MAN-HUNTS STAGED BY GERMANS

Endless Mass Murders

(From London by Special Cable.)

It is useless to appeal to the human feelings of the bestial German invaders. Complaints by local residents about the violence of the German authorities are invariably regarded as "Bolshevik propaganda or as "sympathising with the guerillas" and frequently end in the execution of the complainants.

Very typical are the circumstances of the death of a peasant woman, Ustinova of the village of Ovsyannikovo, in the Solnechnogorsk district of the Moscow region, the mother of five children. She came to the German Headquarters asking for the return of the clothes of her children, who were suffering from a cold. Ustinova was shot by a German officer on the threshold of the Headquarters building to which she had come with the request.

Many thousands of Soviet women, children and old men have perished from cold and starvation in open fields and woods where they were driven during the winter by the retreating Nazis after the towns and villages had been burned down. The list of mass murders by the invaders is endless. Tortures and murders in many instances exceptionally horrible. Children are beaten up before the eyes of their parents, and parents in the presence of their children. Man-hunts are staged. People are killed by grenades or bursts of machine-gun fire, burned at the stake or buried alive.

During a frost water was poured over some prisoners, turning them into pillars of ice. Bodies are mutilated; dead and living are humiliated. Bodies are converted into a bloody mash. Thousands of urban residents are shot and whole village populations exterminated.

LONG TORTURES

On January 7, 1942, 110 peaceful residents of the village of Pobuzh, in the Kozelsk district of the Smolensk region—nine old men, 51 women and 50 children—suffered a terrible death. The Nazis slashed them with knives, stabbed them with bayonets, showered grenades upon them, and shot them with machine-guns and automatic rigles.

According to a report dated March 15, 1942, after similar massacres of peasants in the village of Kutkovo, in the Orel region, perpetrated by the retreating Nazis, out of 730 peaceful inhabitants only 50 survived.

In the villages of the Lotoshino district in the Moscow region, the Nazis burned alive 13 families of collective farmers; tortured to death and hanged 153 men and women collective farmers; and shot 507 persons including many women and children.

380 FAMILIES DONE TO DEATH.

In the town of Novozybkov in one night the invaders killed 380 families comprising over 1,000 old men and women, boys and girls, and burned alive dozens of children.

Reports received from the towns of Gadyach and Zenkovo, in the Poltava region, tell of the excruciating death of 280 citizens whose bodies were dumped into a pit where the Nazis also threw living children together with their parents who had been tortured to death.

According to reports from Kharkov, 370 hostages were executed in this city in January, 1942, alone—Ukrainian and Russian workers, employees and intellectuals—as a reprisal for the activities of Ukrainian guerillas.

The murder of over 1,000 peaceful residents of the town of Feodosia, including 245 Crimean Tartars, will go down of ever in the sanguinary record of Hitlerite crimes. Mothers with their babies, old folk, pregnant women and adolescents were taken to the suburbs in dozens of trucks and then these perfectly innocent people were placed in groups at the edge of a ditch and machine-gunned. Women and children who still showed signs of life after they had been shot were buried.

3,000 KILLED IN TAGANROG.

On October 27, 1941, over 3,000 peaceful residents of Taganrog were murdered by the Nazis. On the orders of the German Command these residents came with their families to a school building, bringing with them on the demand of the German authorities food supplies sufficient for three days. The Nazis took away their food, drove these families beyond the city boundary, where they selected about 100 persons, took them about 100 yards aside and shot them with automatic rifles before the eyes of other doomed people. Then they proceeded to shoot one group of 100 men, children and old folk after another.—Molotov's Note.

Bakery Employee To Stand Trial On Charge Of Cheating

Newson Rozario Pinto of the American Express Bakery was produced before Mr. M. A. F. Coelho, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagon Police Court yesterday, to stand his trial on a charge of cheating and forging a document for the purpose of cheating.

The complainants are the American Express Bakery who stated that the accused received a cheque for Rs 400 as advance payment from one Mrs D'Souza who wanted the bakery to cater for 600 persons for her daughter's wedding. She also paid Rs. 130 to him later.

The accused actually catered for 400 persons and later presented her with a bill of Rs. 1,230, while he represented to his company that he had received an order for Rs. 447.

Mr. Vyavaharkar, police prosecutor, appeared for the prosecution with Mr. Shtee and Mr. Alfred J. O Pinto. Mr. Dabholkar press Bakery had supplied goods of Rs 447 and presented a bill of Rs. 1,230 inspite of the fact that the catering was unsatisfactory.

Mr. Vyavarkar, police prosecutor appeared for the prosecution with Mr. Shete and Mr. Alfred J. O Pinto. Mr. Dhabolkar defended the accused.

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REDS BLAST ENEMY RESISTANCE NEAR LENINGRAD

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FRESH SOVIET WITHDRAWAL IN KERCH

MOSCOW, May 15.

Soviet troops are advancing on the Leningrad front where the enemy is trying to hold on to his second line of defence and is sustaining heavy losses, says the Moscow radio.

The Soviet midnight communique reports a fresh withdrawal on the Kerch Peninsula.

The communique says that the Russian advance in the Kharkov sector continues.

Hundred and fifty German tanks have been destroyed or damaged in furious fighting on the Kharkov front, adds the Soviet midnight communique.

ENEMY'S HEAVY LOSSES

A supplement to the Soviet Midnight Communique says, "On the north-west front (Lake Ilmen-Leningrad) one Soviet unit in ten days of fighting inflicted 4,000 casualties on the enemy."

The supplement further says that fighting is proceeding on the north-west front, Soviet units inflicting great losses on the enemy in man-power and equipment.

The text of the Soviet Midnight Communique states, "During May 14 our troops on the Kerch Peninsula fighting stubbornly withdrew to new positions under the pressure of superior enemy forces.

In the Kharkov direction our troops successfully continued to advance. In two days fighting not less than 150 German tanks were destroyed or damaged. Many trophies were captured and prisoners taken.

On other sectors of the front nothing of importance took place.

According to "Ver Fied Data", 51 German aircraft were destroyed on May 12 and not 43 as previously reported. On May 13, 40 German aircraft were destroyed. Our losses were twenty-three aircraft."

FORTIFIED HEIGHT CAPTURED

Soviet advances on the Leningrad Front are reported by the Moscow radio to-day. In recent fighting several hundred of the enemy were killed, it adds.

"Our artillery and the really brilliant operations of our attack planes are leading the way for the infantry's advance and at the same time inflicting terrible losses on the enemy.

Our air force has won definite superiority in the air. Its day and night attacks on enemy lines of communications and fortifications are foiling every attempt to bring up reserves.

In an attack on just one enemy column Russian planes destroyed ten tanks, 20 lorries and wiped out two platoons to a man.

A certain fortified height was a thorn in the way of the Soviet units, but after a devastating attack by bombers and planes the infantry stormed the height and conquered it.

Red units are continuing their advance while the Germans though making desperate efforts to hold them on their second line of defence are being pressed back and suffering heavy losses."

GOODS TRAIN BLOWN UP

A goods train bound for the eastern front and believed to be carrying chemical shells was wrecked near Olau station between Breslau and Cracow on the night of May 9 and 10, according to a Stockholm report quoted by the Soviet News Agency.

An explosion was heard over a wide area. Motorised detachments of storm troopers and chemical troops arrived immediately from Breslau and eliminated all traces of the wreck.

The area where the accident occurred is still surrounded by troops

TIMOSHENKO'S OFFENSIVE

Part of the preparation for Marshal Timoshenko's offensive was a sudden blow a few days ago when bombers and fighters from two Soviet air units raided a large German base near the front and set fire to 30 twin-engined machines and brought down five of the 15 fighters which tried to intercept them.

The latest reports from Kerch show that a desperate battle with tanks, planes and artillery is still going on. There are heavy German losses.

A surprise attack on the rear of Russian positions in the Kerch Peninsula was described by a Nazi General on the German radio tonight.

The General who was stated to have led the attack said that simultaneously with a German frontal attack against Russian fortifications across the Isthmus at Parpach, troops, who left the coast from the German side the previous night, landed behind Russian fortifications—Reuter.

NAZIS ADMIT USE OF POISON GAS?

LONDON, May 15.

A German military spokesman quoted by the German radio on Thursday stated that the poison gas which the Russians reported from the Crimea was probably emitted by mortar shells from "a new weapon" which was first used on the Kerch Peninsula on May 8.

"These shells" the spokesman added, "emit a poisonous gas when exploded although chemical substance had not actually been employed."—Reuter.

HAS KERCH FALLEN?

Vichy Report Unconfirmed

LONDON, May 14.

In his military commentary "Annalist" says:—

There is no confirmation of the Vichy report that Kerch has fallen but the Russians have admitted that they have been forced back "In good order" in the Kerch Peninsula.

The Russian bridgehead at Kerch was about 40 miles in depth, so the German thrust may meet many obstacles before it reaches the shores of the straits.

It would appear that the Germans succeeded in breaking through the northern sector of the Russian lines and threatened to turn the rest of the front.

Obviously the Russian losses in these circumstances must have been heavy but the German claims yesterday are still regarded as greatly exaggerated.

Meanwhile, however, Marshal Timoshenko has struck a blow further north in the neighbourhood of Kharkov.

It is not clear whether an advance has taken place north or south of Kharkov—either if successful would seriously affect the German positions in the south.

The first news of the offensive claims that the first line of the German positions had been breached and that fresh troops are constantly pouring through and extending the Soviet success.

The Moscow military newspaper "Red Star" gives these details, the official communique being more guarded.

But the German High Command admitted strong Russian attacks supported by tanks in the Donetz sector which it claimed were being "Resisted".

Usually the German communique says attacks were "repulsed" and the omission of the word is significant. On other parts of the Russian front there are no material changes.

AXIS UNITS SCATTERED

In Libya there has been slightly more activity and some Axis mechanised units have been scattered by British guns and patrols.

The R. A. F. have just scored a notable success by practically wiping out a German formation of three-engined Junker transport planes for the loss of one fighter.

There were 20 planes in formation and 13 were definitely shot into the sea while all the rest were severely damaged. These planes have been used in an increasing degree by the Germans for bringing over skilled personnel and special consignments. It is not known, however, whether they were fully laden when disaster overtook them.—Reuter.

Sind Govt. Suspends Fire Arms Licences

Measure To Prevent 'Hurs' From Seizing Weapons

KARACHI, May 12.

The Sind Government by an order under the Defence of India Rules have suspended all gun, rifle and revolver licences held by non-officials in Shahdapur, Sinjhoro, Sanghar and Khipro and directed them to deposit their weapons and ammunition at respective police stations before May 17, after which date the owners will be liable for prosecution under the Arms Act and Defence of India Rules.

A press note explains that the order is a sequel to a large number of recent dacoities in these disturbed areas during last six weeks, evidently committed by the 'Hurs' with a single object, namely to secure as many guns and as much ammunition as possible.

Many persons who declare that the Hurs had no reason for enmity without them, and whose houses contained no other valuable property, have been attacked robbed of their guns and in some cases killed.

All persons possessing All-India licences entering these areas are warned to carry licences with themselves and produce them on demand to the police official or magistrate, in default of which their arms will be confiscated.—A. P.

Award For Bravery

NEW DELHI, May 15.

A 'communique' announces His Majesty's decision to award commendations for bravery during civil defence works.

The first commendation is awarded to Mr. V. E. Lazarus, Divisional Electrical Engineer, Vizagapatam.—United Press.

MARTINIQUE TALKS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY

WASHINGTON, May 15.

It is understood that the Martinique conversations are proceeding in a friendly atmosphere and there is no reason to doubt that the United States will receive satisfaction on the main points.—Reuter.

ALLIED PLANES BOMB JAP SHIPPING

Seven Enemy Aircraft Shot Down In Air Battle

LONDON, May 15.

Allied Headquarters in Australia: A 'communique' issued to-day states:—

"New Britain, Rabaul:—Our Air Force attacked shipping in the harbour damaging a transport.

Our planes were intercepted by 17 enemy fighters, seven of which were shot down. All our planes returned safely."

CORAL SEA BATTLE

Allied Headquarters, Australia:—Reports from an advanced operation base state that photographs of the battle of the Coral Sea taken from United States bombers disprove the latest Japanese claim that "bad weather and nothing else prevented the Japanese achieving a knock-out victory."

The photographs, which were shown to war correspondents, demonstrate conclusively that the weather was fine and clear—obviously ideal conditions for knock-out victory had the enemy been in a position to inflict it.

An Australian Port: Three sailors stood at an hotel bar in this Australian port on Thursday. The people in the bar took little notice of them as they silently lifted their glasses and drank.

But, finishing their drinks, the three men simultaneously smashed their glasses on the floor. When the hotel-keeper remonstrated they replied, "We are toasting shipmates who did not return."

The sailors were ashore from ships which had taken part in the Coral Sea battle. This incident was the first indication that unheralded parties of men who were in the battle—including wounded—had reached port.

The wounded had been removed to hospital many miles inland, some walking with assistance and others on stretchers.—Reuter.

COL. JOHNSON TO LEAVE INDIA

Going Back Home Owing To Ill Health

WASHINGTON, May 15.

The State Department announced on Friday that Col. Louis Johnson, President Roosevelt's representative in India will be returning home shortly owing to ill health.

Colonel Johnson recently underwent an operation in New Delhi.—Reuter.

A NASAL OPERATION

NEW DELHI:—While in hospital recently in New Delhi, Colonel Louis Johnson, President Roosevelt's personal representative in India underwent a minor operation for nasal obstruction. A second operation is necessary. It is understood this will be performed after Col. Johnson's return to the United States.—A. P.

UNITED NATIONS' SHIPPING LOSSES AMOUNT TO 153 VESSELS

WASHINGTON, May 15.

Hundred and fifty-three United Nations tankers, merchantment, cargo vessels and other ships have been sunk or damaged in the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico or African waters since Pearl Harbour, according to figures complied by the United States Navy Department.

The United States have lost most of the ships—92 of their vessels fell victims to Axis submarines. Norwegian vessels are the next worst sufferers, 18 of them being sunk or attacked.

Jap Propaganda Of Freeing India Is Bunk, Says Rajen Babu

Congressmen Must Take Lead In Guiding Public Opinion Against Alien Aggression

MUZAFFARPORE, May 14.

Duties and responsibilities of Indians in general and Congressmen in particular in the event of any agrression were enunciated by Dr. Rajendra Prasad addressing a public meeting here last night.

Dr. Prasad exhorted the people to unite in defence of their country from foreign aggression, and particularly stressed the need of carrying out the Congress programme of self-sufficiency and self-defence. He warned the people against Japanese propaganda of freeing India.

Addressing Congressmen Dr. Prasad asked them to apply themselves immediately to the task of strengthening the organisation and maintaining close contact with the people who still looked to Congressmen for guidance at this grave hour.

He adds that he had undertaken a tour of the province to see how far Congress workers had succeeded in organising and preparing the people for the difficult times ahead.

They must resist any aggressor who ventured to invade the country, but they could not do so successfully unless the Congress organisation was strong and disciplined.

Referring to the organisation of volunteer corps Dr. Prasad said that ample scope had been given by the Congress to the people of different shades of opinion to join the Seva Dal.

Rules had been relaxed so that all might join it, because at present the organisation of the entire country was needed and not that of a single party.—A.P.

Standard Time For Assam

SHILLONG, May 15.

In order to secure uniformity with other parts of India, all Government offices in Assam are observing Indian Standard Time from to-day. Clocks were restarted one hour at mid-night last night.

A notification issued by the Government of Assam states that all references to time in Government reports and correspondence will, as from May 15 be made in terms of Indian Standard Time.—A. P.

Reeve To Visit Assam

NEW DELHI, May 15.

Lt. Col. J. A. Reeve, Director of Operations and Training Civil Defence, is visiting Chittagong and towns in Assam.—United Press.

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GERMAN WOMEN'S FAITH IN SUPREME COMMAND SHAKEN

Newspapers Launch Campaign Against "Faint-Heartedness" On Home Front

LONDON, (By Cable).

German newspapers continue to emphasise that all faintheartedness on the home front must be overcome. The authorities have lately clamped down drastically on channels of information and it is difficult at present to verify many reports of discord, observes "The Times" special correspondent in Stockholm.

Many such reports lately have suggested that anxiety among German women has been awakened and that the setbacks suffered by the Germans during the winter and the hardships endured by their menfolk in Russia have abruptly shaken the blind confidence of German women in the omniscience of the Supreme Command. It has been made clear that the fact that women are wives and mothers does not entitle them to any influence in the Supreme Command's decisions, which cannot be based on the emotions of individuals but are dictated by destiny.

These reports do not reflect anything like active revolt by German women, but there are persistent rumours that disquieted members of the Frauenfront, which has already absorbed the former Frauenbund and other women's organisations, have drafted a petition to the supreme authorities asking them to refrain from sending adolescents to the front.

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